



Inquiry Unit: Aboriginal Dot Art

Unit Objective: Participants will learn social study skills by creating visual materials as form of expression through dot art and iconic symbols. Participants will learn about animals that live in Australia (kangaroo, lizard, koala, platypus etc) and learn how Aborigines used dots and symbols to create original artwork and stories.

Creativity Component:

Inspiration: Participants will be inspired by the history of Australian animals and Aborigene's iconic symbols. Participants will be learn about several of these symbols and landmarks through visual aids and discussion. Participants will then have the opportunity to incorporate their own version of an Aboriginal story.

Iteration: Participants evaluate their art in process and make any needed changes to improve their art.

Innovation: Participants will add their own personalization to make a unique art piece inspired by the history, symbols and artwork of Aborigines in Australia.

Materials Needed: Tempura paint (black, white, red and blue only), Q-tips, brown paper lunch sacks, sharpie markers.

Differentiation Activities: Participants will be lead through the activity with consideration given to age and abilities. Participants that require additional assistance will be guided through the building process. Scaffolding can be added by discussion about adding more symbols to tell a story of the animal. Depth can be added by creating original animal patterns.

Assessment of Unit Objective: Participants will draw outlines of Australian animals of their choosing. Then, participants will select various symbols to tell a story. Activity will be complete when the participants have filled their outline with dots to bring the animal to life through a story with symbols.

Primary Grade Levels Supported:

Social Studies TEK

2nd Grade: 2.19

3rd Grade: 3.18

4th Grade: 4.22

5th Grade: 5.25

FA TEKS

2nd Grade: 2.2

3rd Grade: 3.2

4th Grade: 4.2

5th Grade: 5.2

Reflection/Take Home Learning Ideas: Practice drawing outlines of various animals throughout the lesson and using symbols to tell new stories.

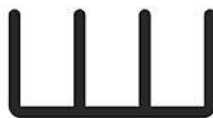




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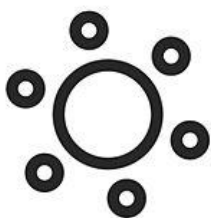
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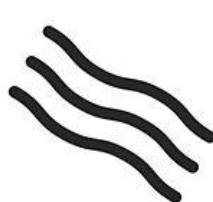
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Kangaroo Track



Human Track



Person



Snake Track



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Mountains



*Journey with
resting place*



Bowl



Running Water

