HISTORY OF THE FIRST AUSTRALIANS LEVELLED READERS FOR TAKE HOME READING, GUIDED READING GROUPS, AND FREE READING.



20 stunning new stories which continue the celebration of First Nations history, heritage, culture, and values through literacy.

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81 - The Noongar Seasons

Sharlene Coombs

The Noongar First Nations people have lived in the southwest of Western Australia for over 45,000 years. This story explains the importance of their six seasons and how they have successfully hunted and gathered.

82 - Burinyi - The Great Barrier Reef

Trevor Fourmile

This Dreamtime story tells of a special clan that lives by the ocean and their explanation of how an amazing natural wonder of the world was formed.

83 - Nature's Time for the First Peoples Robert T. Watts

First Nations people didn't have clocks or calendars. They told time by what was happening around them. The movement of the seas, the sky, seasonal flowers, and animals gave them information about time. First Nations people were masters of their environment who responded to natural cycles.

84 - How the Snake Got Its Poison

Trevor Fourmile

The Yidinji people of Far North Queensland have many different Dreamtime stories from their culture. Join Trevor Fourmile as he narrates the Dreamtime story of snake and goanna, and why they have been enemies for so long.

85 - Clearing the Continent

Robert T. Watts

For thousands of years, our First Nations people lived and looked after their country. However, when Captain Cook arrived, big changes happened. The British started clearing lands and forcing First Nations people off country.

86 - Wuunjoo - The Boy Who Ate Too Much Coal

Trevor Fourmile

Join proud Yidinji man, Trevor Fourmile, as he recounts the Far North Queensland Dreamtime story of Wuunjoo, a young boy who became addicted to the taste of the bloodwood branch coals and eventually turned into a crane.



87 - Sandalwood Country Traders *Robert T. Watts*

First Nations people have been using the sandalwood tree for medicinal purposes for thousands of years in Australia. Over time, the harvesting of sandalwood oil became more valuable than gold!

88 - The World's First Astronomers

Robert T. Watts

First Nations people were keen observers of the night sky. They understood the cycle of day and night, the movement of the night sky and the annual cycle of the moon, the planets, and the stars. This story introduces the science of astronomy from both Indigenous and scientific perspectives.

89 - The Salamander Skink

Ken Jones

The Salamander Skink is endangered and rarely found these days. Imagine Uncle Ken's delight when he comes across a Salamander Skink nest during one of his Bush Repair jobs.

90 - The Ochre Story

Trevor Fourmile

Much of our First Nations ancient history was discovered through their rock paintings which you can find all over Australia. The First Nations' use of ochre in telling stories has helped us to learn so much more about their lives, their culture, and their history.

91 - Trackers - Seeing More in Nature! Lance Short

This story outlines some of the ways that First Nations people were able to travel across their country. It also looks at how they used natural signs to hunt for their food.

92 - The Possum Skin Cloak

Ken Jones

For thousands of years, First Nations people from the high, cold country of Australia stayed warm and dry by making and wearing Possum Skin Cloaks. These beautifully designed cloaks were important to the survival of the first peoples and the designs and artwork on each cloak helped connect them to clan and Country.

93 - Aboriginal Stockmen

Robert T. Watts

With the colonial settlement of Australia came the need for people who were capable of working the land in many different ways. First Nations people took up roles as stockmen and worked in many different roles. These stockmen helped shape the Australian farmlands we know today.

94 - Digging Up the Past in Ancient Australia

Thomas L. James

Archaeology is a fascinating science and there is no better place to dig up the past than in Australia where you can find the world's oldest living culture! Join the author as he explains how technology is helping science to find out more and more about ancient Australia.

95 - Naming Country

Sharlene Coombs

Australia has some of the most unusual place names you'll come across. Many places were given traditional names by First Nations people thousands of years ago. Find out how the arrival of the British settlers impacted these sacred places.

96 - The Grampians / Gariwerd

Sharlene Coombs

The Grampians / Gariwerd in Victoria is one of Australia's most important National Parks. Perhaps the most important feature are the ancient Aboriginal rock paintings found in the area with some more than 20,000 years old! It's no wonder that The Grampians / Gariwerd is such a popular tourist destination today and one which continues to be cared for, protected, and preserved by the traditional owners of Gariwerd Country.

97 - Going on a Walkabout

Trevor Fourmile

Join proud Yidinji man, Trevor Fourmile, as he explains the importance of Going Walkabout for his First Nations people. Switch off your devices, your thoughts, and your worries, take off your shoes and walk barefoot to reconnect to Country. Learn about the importance of seeing with all your senses and discover the joy of being in the moment with nature!

98 - Wauchope Celebrates NAIDOC Week -Wauchope Public School

Wauchope is on the Mid North Coast of NSW and is on Birrbay Barray (Birpai Country). We are proud of our culture and love sharing it during NAIDOC Week and right through the whole year. We hope you enjoy learning about how we celebrate NAIDOC Week in our school and community.

99 - Lest We Forget - William Charles Westbury

Ken Jones

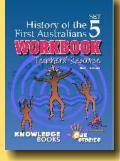
Join Uncle Ken Jones as he talks proudly about his grandfather, William Charles Westbury, the only Aboriginal soldier to serve in both the Boer War and World War 1. Uncle Ken's research into his grandfather's wartime experiences has uncovered some amazing facts.

100 - Celebrating Culture – The Casino Way

At Casino Public School in Northern NSW, we have special cultural days to celebrate our culture, like NAIDOC and Harmony Day. However, our celebrations just don't stop there. At our school, we connect with our culture every day. We like to call it The Casino Way. Come and join us in this story as we share our celebrations with you!

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This guide has been designed to help your students engage in deeper learning opportunities through literacy activities that link with each of the stories.





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