

ABORIGINAL ART



Aboriginal Australians are the various Indigenous peoples of mainland Australia.

Indigenous means peoples inhabiting or existing in a land from the earliest times or from before the arrival of colonists.

Aboriginal is the **oldest continuous art tradition in the world**, stretching back over 60,000 years. It's much more than just beautiful pictures; it's a profound way of preserving and teaching culture, history, and a deep spiritual connection to the land



Dot Painting: This distinctive style became widespread in the Western Desert. The dots were originally used as a technique to **obscure or disguise** secret/sacred symbols from outsiders (non-initiated people) who might view the artwork, thus preserving the deeper ritual knowledge.

Creation Stories: The Dreaming is the period when Ancestral Beings travelled the empty land, creating all living things, the landscape, and the laws and customs that govern Aboriginal life

key words about
Aboriginal art:

Dots

Dreamtime

Stories

Symbols

Landscape

Natural

Painting

Native

Aboriginal art uses a sophisticated system of **symbols** (icons) that convey layers of meaning.

Aboriginal art was traditionally created on natural surfaces using **natural materials**