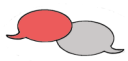


Australia a Oceania

Exhibition Workbook for High School Students



1) How can we study different cultures? What should we do to learn the most about them?



2) Write down some scientific disciplines useful for studying other cultures.

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3) Which weapons did native Australians use?

bow and arrows

boomerang

lariat

katana sword

stone club

lance

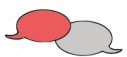
spear

axe

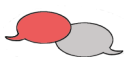


4) How can we substitute woven cloths? What materials can we use instead?

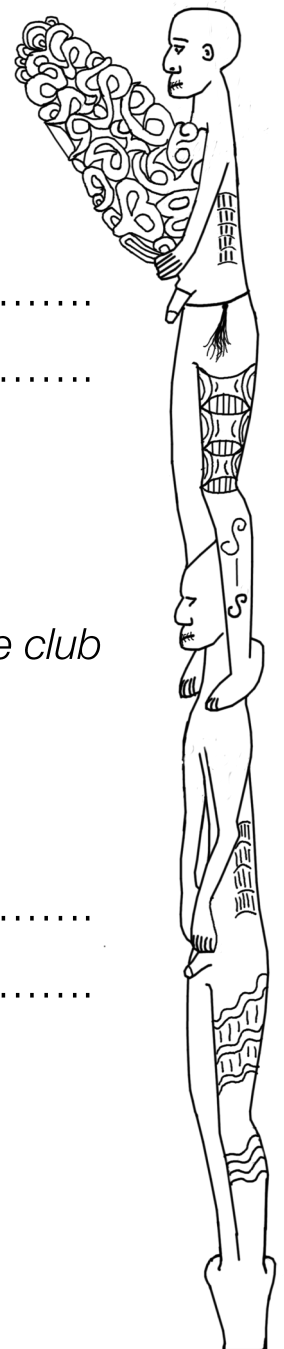
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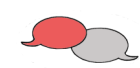


5) Look at the Australian paintings and engravings and think of what they may represent .

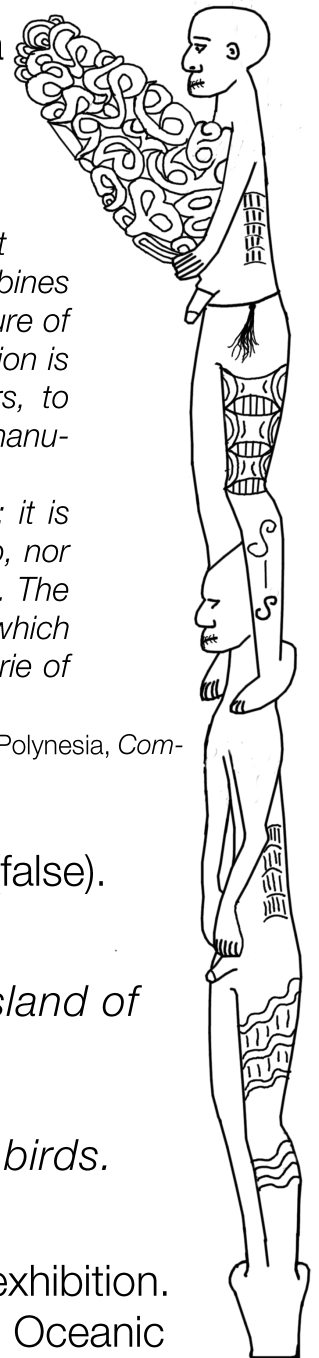


6) Explain the „kula“ trade system.





7) Try to explain who is the so called „big-man“ and what function in society he has by following a short passage from an article, written by the famous anthropologist Marshall Sahlins:



„The Melanesian big-man seems so thoroughly bourgeois, so reminiscent of the free enterprising rugged individual of our own heritage. He combines with an ostensible interest in the general welfare a more profound measure of self-interested cunning and economic calculation.... His every public action is designed to make a competitive and invidious comparison with others, to show a standing above the masses that is product of his own personal manufacture. ...

But the indicative quality of big-man authority is everywhere the same: it is personal power. Big-men do not come to office, they do not succeed to, nor are they installed in, existing positions of leadership over political groups. The attainment of big-man status is rather the outcome of a series of acts which elevate a person above the common herd and attract about him a coterie of loyal, lesser men.“

(Sahlins, M. D. 1963: Poor Man, Rich Man, Big-Man, Chief: Political Types in Melanesia and Polynesia, *Comparative Studies in Society and History*, vol. 5/3, 285—303)



8) Decide, if the following statements are T(true) or F(false).
What does the „ancentral cult“ means?

T/F Big, almost 2 m high stones were used on the island of Yap as means of payment.

T/F The Malagan festival celebrates dead ancestors.

T/F First Europeans on New Zealand have met Moa birds.

T/F Ancestor skulls were used only as decorations.



9) There are only two items made from metal in this exhibition.
Find them and write down where are they from. Did Oceanic people know metalworking?



10) How did the Solomon Islands gain their name?

a) Europeans had mistaken the yellow pyrite on native's weapons for gold.

b) King Solomon liked to go here for a holiday.

c) Rich gold mines were located on this island.



11) Word Find Puzzle

A	V	E	M	I	T	M	A	E	R	D
K	D	I	D	G	E	R	I	D	O	O
J	A	N	C	E	S	T	O	R	S	J
U	Y	V	X	C	J	G	E	C	N	A
L	N	Z	A	Y	I	H	O	A	L	N
I	A	H	V	P	F	M	I	N	P	S
X	T	A	S	M	A	T	A	N	K	Z
W	R	Z	U	N	L	F	D	I	G	O
T	A	P	A	E	U	F	S	B	B	O
R	K	M	F	Y	K	O	I	A	Y	N
C	H	U	R	I	N	G	A	L	S	U

- 1) substitution for woven cloth, made from a tree bark
- 2) music instrument from Australia
- 3) australian chipped industry
- 4) fermented narcotic potion from a specific kind of pepper
- 5) trade system unique to Trobriand Islands
- 6) a person who eats human flesh
- 7) supernatural quality, which indicates man's social role and his power
- 8) region of New Guinea, famous for its carvings and Bis poles
- 9) carving of an androgynous creature
- 10) entities held sacred and worshipped on New Guinea
- 11) time before creation of our world, when only supernaturals beings existed
- 12) the first European, who saw the coast of Australia
- 13) decorated ritual item from Australia, made from the stone or wood
- 14) the most important animal on New Guinea

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