

# What is The Dreaming? - 1

The Dreaming is part of Aboriginal people's culture. They believe that Earth and everything on it was made during the Dreaming.

In the beginning, there was no sun, moon, land or water. There were no plants, animals or people. Then, during the Dreaming, the spirits they believe were sleeping under the ground came out to make everything on Earth. They made the ocean, rivers, lakes and waterholes. They made the sun, moon and stars. They made the land, islands, mountains, rocks, sand and deserts. People, animals and plants were also made to live on Earth.

When the spirits were finished making everything, they went back into the ground or turned into things such as rocks, creeks, stars or waterholes.

This is why special places are very important in Aboriginal people's lives. These significant sites have a special Dreaming story. Each group of people tells Dreaming stories in its own way but many of the stories are similar. They are all passing their history from one generation to the next.

**Answer the questions or fill in the missing words.**

1. The Aboriginal people believe that \_\_\_\_\_ and everything on it was made during the \_\_\_\_\_.
2. What happened to the spirits when they finished making everything?  
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3. Why are some places very significant to Aboriginal people?  
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RESPECTING THE PAST

The importance today of an historical site of cultural or spiritual significance; for example, a community building, a landmark, a war memorial (ACHHK045)