

MOREE TO MYALL CREEK RECONCILIATION TRAIL

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

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DO YOU KNOW?

1. What state has the highest number of Aboriginal people? NSW
2. Can you be an Aboriginal person if you have light skin or blonde hair and blue eyes? YES
3. Who was the first Aboriginal person to be elected to Parliament? NEVILLE BONNER
4. Which State has had an Aboriginal Governor? SOUTH AUSTRALIA
5. Who was the first Aboriginal graduate from a university? Charles Perkins CHARLES PERKINS
6. Who are some famous Aboriginal sports people? YVONNE GOOLAGONG, CATHY FREEMAN
LIONEL ROSE, ADAM GOODES
7. What Aboriginal people have been Australian of the Year?
2014 ADAM GOODES (AFL player) 2009 MICK DODSON (Professor of law) 1998 CATHY FREEMAN (athlete) 1992 MANDAWAY YUNUPINGU (Yothu Yindi band leader) 1984 LOWITJA O'DONOGHUE (nurse and ATSIC chairperson) 1979 NEVILL BONNER (first Aboriginal parliamentarian) 1978 GALARRWUY YUNUPINGU (Yolngu leader, brother of Mandawuy) 1971 EVONNE GOOLAGONG CAWLEY (tennis player) 1968 LIONEL ROSE (boxer)

Source: <https://www.creativespirits.info/aboriginalculture/people/famous-aboriginal-people-role-models#ixzz5By0qqFDI>

8. What is the name of an indigenous musical instrument? DIDJERIDU
9. Do you know the name of any Aboriginal music group, singer, actor, film-maker or artist? Find some songs on You Tube and listen to them.

<http://lryb.aiatsis.gov.au/culture.html> There are many examples of all forms on You Tube and Vimeo.
10. Who wrote *Take the children away*? Listen to it on You Tube.
11. Who wrote the song "Let's dance?" and where was it filmed? Find the town on your map and find the song on You Tube and listen to it. What was important about this song?
12. Who is Stan Grant? Listen to him on You Tube
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uEOssW1rw0I>

13. Can you put the places you visit for the Reconciliation Trail in Moree in historical order starting with the oldest? TERRY HIE HIE BORA GROUND and CRANKY ROCK, SLAUGHTERHOUSE CREEK, GRAVESEND MT AND MYALL CREEK MEMORIAL, MOREE CEMETERY, TERRIE HIE HIE RESERVE, MOREE AQUATIC CENTRE, BANK BUILDING housing Gallery, TOP AND BOTTOM CAMP, PIUS X, KIA KIDS, MOREE PLAINS GALLERY,

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au>

<https://www.creativespirits.info/aboriginalculture/history/aboriginal-history>

WILLOW TREE story boards p. 7

THE GOMEROI

1. Did the Aboriginal people have written languages? No
2. What is the pronunciation of Kamilaroi that is the generally accepted one in the area? Gomerioi
3. Why did the Gomerioi selectively burn the land? For fresh herbage for animals and the stacking of grass seed for winnowing and harvesting
4. What was traded among neighbours? Weapons and artefacts of Myall wood and grass tree gum for fixing axe heads
5. What were other things they made? Name 2. spears, boomerangs, digging sticks, stone axes, ropes and weaving

THE ORDER OF SOCIETY

1. Who was elected in Kamilaroi society? Chiefs
2. Could you marry anyone you wanted to? Explain. No, you had to marry someone in another specific totem
3. What had to happen before a man married? Initiation
4. What was a bora ring like? 2 circles linked by a straight path often surrounded by carved trees
5. Which state in Australia has the most carved trees? NSW
6. What did the initiate have in the possum skin bag worn around his neck? A sacred white stone
7. How were people invited to ceremonies? A messenger carrying a message stick
8. What was the bullroarer for? To announce the beginning of the ceremony (call the proceedings to order)
9. What two kinds of corroborees were there? Religious and entertainment
10. What other games did they play? Possum skin balls and returning boomerangs

11. What were the doctors and wizards called? Wirringan and waradji
12. What is the name of the supreme being the Kamilaroi believe in? Baiame
13. What is the Emu in the sky? The dark patch in the Milky Way
14. What month of the year can it first be seen? March
15. What month of the year are Emu eggs laid? April/May
16. Where does Baiame live? By the Milky Way
17. Who is Daramulun? Baiame's son
18. What is the mound in the picture? A grave
19. How were old people treated? With kindness, respect and the best food.

SHADOWS ON THE LANDSCAPE

Songlines

1. What are songlines? Paths that were used for trading and other purposes and described in songs from the Dreamtime
2. What are some of the paths today? Some of the roads we travel on
3. How long did it take the Mundlunga corroboree to travel from North West Queensland to South Australia? 25 years
4. Where are songlines still used today? Central and Northern Territory
5. What is one of the most important things that songlines identify? Waterholes

axe grinding grooves

6. What are the grooves for? To sharpen axes
7. Where are they usually found? By water

Scarred trees

8. Are there many scarred trees in NSW? Thousands
9. What kind of trees will you find them on? Old native Australian trees

GUNNEDAH p.7

1. What did the his people call Gambu Ganurru? The Red Kangaroo

Moree aquatic centre p.8

- 1. How many times did the Freedom bus come to Moree?** Twice **Why?** After the bus left the Aboriginal children were again barred from the pool.
- 2. In what way are the baths a 'pool of knowledge'?** People sit around in the hot pools and exchange stories and information.
- 3. What 3 sports attractions were held at the pool in the 1950s?** Water ballet, water polo and boxing.

QUESTIONS from the Pius X site p.9

- 1. Can non-Aboriginal people be treated at the health centre?** Yes, but Aborigines have first preference.
- 2. What is the Gamilaraay name for the centre and what does it mean?** Maaruma-li Walaay-ba – Healing Place.

QUESTIONS from the Aboriginal section of the cemetery p.10

- 1. How many Aboriginal soldiers from the area fought in World War 1?** 5
- 2. Who rode in the Camel Brigade?** Jack Stacy
- 3. What grave did you find most moving or interesting?**

QUESTIONS from the Art Gallery p.10

- 1. What did you like best in the Art Gallery?** No one right answer
- 2. Can you find one of the earliest Aboriginal pictures and one of the most recent?**
- 3. What was the building used for before it was an art gallery?** A bank

Questions from the Top Camp plaque p.13

- 1. Who was the oldest surviving resident of Top Camp?** Rupert "Bob" Smith
- 2. What era does the plaque recognise?** The era of reconciliation.

MYALL CREEK MASSACRE MEMORIAL SITE p.15

QUESTIONS from the story boards

- 1. What is the Gamilaraay word for 'welcome'?** Yaama
- 2. What was the Gamilaraay name for Terrie Hie Hie?** Dhigaraa baa burrulaa dhull – The place of many little birds
- 3. Who was the first teach at the school and where did she live?** Ruby Purnell. In a tent.
- 4. Who arranged marriages and decided on punishments in Aboriginal society?** Elders
- 5. What plant was used to make knives and spear handles?** Grass tree
- 6. What fruits tasted a bit like passion fruit?** Nepine or Negaybaan
- 7. What was used to treat bites and stings?** Mat Rush

QUESTIONS from the plaques along the walk p.19

1. **Who were the Wirrayaraay?** A tribe of the Kamilaroi nation
2. **Why did the Kamilaroi kill stock and attack Europeans?** Because the Europeans took their hunting grounds, their water and their women.
3. **What started the killing of the Kamilaroi in 1837 by local stockmen and station hands?** Mounted police from Sydney who came to punish the Kamilaroi for the spearing of sheep. Encouraged the locals to continue the campaign when they left.
4. **Why was it only old men, women and children killed?** The younger men were away cutting bark on a neighbouring station.
5. **How many trials were there and how many of the men were executed?** 2 trials and 7 executed.
6. **Why has this massacre site an important one?** This was the first time that white men had been executed for murdering Aboriginal people (and because of the trials there is a lot of information about it).

37 questions. What is your score?

70-73 – Super Excellent Over 60 - Excellent; Over 50 – Good Under 50 – not so good