

NAIDOC WEEK 2020

ALWAYS WAS, ALWAYS WILL BE.

NAIDOC Week celebrates the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in Australia. This year's NAIDOC theme is *Always Was, Always Will Be*. It means that the land we all live, learn and play on has always been, and will always be, the land of Australia's First Peoples. You can learn more about the history of NAIDOC Week online at naidoc.org.au

In Australia there are more than 250 different Aboriginal language groups spread across the nation. Each group has its own name and culture. The National Gallery of Victoria sits on the lands of the Boon Wurrung and the Wurundjeri peoples who are both part of the Kulin Nation. **Do you know the name of the traditional lands where you live?**



William Barak was a Wurundjeri man. He was born in the early 1820s and lived more than 100 years ago. During his lifetime, European colonists stopped William and his people from practising their culture, so he created drawings showing Wurundjeri culture for generations to come. In this drawing, William shows Wurundjeri people in traditional body paint and wearing possum skin cloaks during ceremony.



Say Barak
like this:
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William Barak
Ceremony 1898
National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne
Purchased, 1962



Draw your favourite thing to do on Aboriginal land below.
You might like to put your drawing on your window for everyone to see!



I live on

land

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