

Activity worksheet 1

Look at these ten statements about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australia. Around the room are three **Source papers** with information that you can use to prove or disprove each statement as a proven fact or a busted myth. Before you begin looking at the Source papers, read through each of the ten statements and make a preliminary guess about whether each one is true or false. As you examine the evidence, tick TRUE or FALSE for each statement as your final answer. At the end of the lesson, compare your final answers with your first guesses and see how accurate you were.

The ten statements

Statement #1: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples all share the same culture.

Circle one option:

My Guess TRUE or FALSE

Circle one option after examining the evidence:

My final answer TRUE or FALSE

Statement #2: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples have lived on the Australian continent for at least 65,000 years.

Circle one option:

My Guess TRUE or FALSE

Circle one option after examining the evidence:

My final answer TRUE or FALSE

Statement #3: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples did not serve in Australia's military forces during World War One and World War Two.

My Guess TRUE or FALSE

My final answer TRUE or FALSE

Statement #4: Aboriginal peoples share a common language.

Circle one option:

My Guess TRUE or FALSE

Circle one option after examining the evidence:

My final answer TRUE or FALSE

Statement #5: The remains of Mungo Man are the oldest modern human remains discovered outside of Africa.

Circle one option:

My Guess TRUE or FALSE

Circle one option after examining the evidence:

My final answer TRUE or FALSE

Statement #6: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples were not allowed to vote until 1967.

My Guess TRUE or FALSE

My final answer TRUE or FALSE

Statement #7: Only the Traditional Owners of a particular area can welcome visitors to Country.

My Guess TRUE or FALSE

My final answer TRUE or FALSE

Statement #8: Aboriginal stone petroglyphs (carvings or inscriptions in rock) are some of the most ancient types of rock art in the world.

Circle one option:

My Guess TRUE or FALSE

Circle one option after examining the evidence:

My final answer TRUE or FALSE

Statement #9: In many parts of Australia, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples were barred from using public venues, including swimming pools.

My Guess TRUE or FALSE

My final answer TRUE or FALSE

Statement #10: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples copied their axe technology from other cultures.

Circle one option:

My Guess TRUE or FALSE

Circle one option after examining the evidence:

My final answer TRUE or FALSE

Activity worksheet 2

Each **Source paper** provides evidence for or against one or more statements. Look at each Source Paper then decide which of the ten statements each source might help you to solve. Jot down a few notes that will help you prove or disprove the statements. Use the spaces on this worksheet to record your notes. Be sure to write your notes under the correct headings so that you've recorded which Source Paper the notes came from.

Source Paper — Who We Are

Source Paper – Our past

Source Paper — Our shared history