

# Rock Paintings - Pictographs

## Activity 2.1: Draft an explanation

Rock engravings are usually found on open, flat surfaces. On the other hand, rock art is usually found in protected places such as caves and under overhanging ledges. Draft a possible explanation for this difference.

As you obtain further information from the following pages, you may want to come back and edit or add to your explanation.

## Activity 2.2: Dictionary Practice

Some words have been underlined in the text above that you need to check for their meaning. Before you complete that activity in Table B, go through the text again and underline any other words that you want to check too. Write these words in Table A and use a dictionary to find the meaning of that word that best suits the sentence in which it is used.

Table A: My list of new words

Table B: Matching meanings

Each item in Column 1 has its meaning in column 2 but they are not matching at the moment. Use your dictionary to match each word or pair of words with its meaning.

Show your understanding

Rewrite the following sentence in different words to show that you understand what it is saying: Over many thousands of years, Aboriginal communities established a complex web of trade routes all over Australia to share resources.

## Activity 2.3: Comprehension and Further Research

What is the purpose of a fixative in art? \_\_\_\_\_

What are the differences between a “workable” fixative and a “final” fixative \_\_\_\_\_

List the natural ingredients used to make fixatives in past times in Europe.

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How many of the ingredients listed in part c would also be available to Australian Indigenous artists? Explain your answer. \_\_\_\_\_

Australian Indigenous artists used ingredients from their surroundings to preserve their paintings. What differences would you expect to find in the fixatives used by Indigenous artists across Australia? Explain your answer.

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## Activity 2.5: Words about pictographs

Every word here is used in Section 2. Unscramble each of the clue words. Copy the letters in the numbered cells to other cells with the same number.

