

Part IV: Spirituality

What is Uluru

Uluru, which is also known as Ayers Rock, is probably the best-known natural landmark.



It is situated in the Northern Territory of Australia in the Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park and it is estimated to be 600 million years old.

The park is inhabited by the Anangu people who have the oldest culture known to man.

They believe that the rock formations were created by their ancestors and that the rocks

carry the marks of the stories of their creation. Their stories are told and passed down from generation to generation.

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1) Pick out the other name of Uluru: _____

Where is Uluru located: _____

2) Pick out the number: _____

Now, explain what it tells us about Uluru: _____

3) On line 8: pick out the pronoun: _____

Thanks to lines 5, 6 and 7, explain who "They" is: _____

In lines 8 and 9: pick out the verbs

- _____ - _____ - _____

So, what can you say about Uluru? : _____

4) "the rocks carry the marks of the stories of their creation." Circle the picture which illustrates this quotation.



Now, in your own words explain what it means: _____

From line 7 to 10: pick out the words which are repeated:

- _____ - _____

Now, explain what you know about the Aboriginal culture: _____

Recap: _____

Dreamtime stories

Aboriginal people believe we remember how the world was created in our dreams. They tell creation stories during Dreamtime ceremonies. One of these stories is the Rainbow Serpent.

The most common version of the Rainbow Serpent story tells that in the Dreaming, the world was flat, bare and cold. The Rainbow Serpent slept under the ground with all the animal tribes in her belly waiting to be born. When it was time, she pushed up, calling to the animals to come from their sleep. She threw the land out, making mountains and hills and spilled water over the land, making rivers and lakes. She made the sun, the fire and all the colours.

Vocabulary:

The Dreaming = the moment when ancestral spirits created life.

Bare = without trees or grass

1) In the first paragraph, pick out three verbs which can describe Dreamtime:

- _____ - _____ - _____

Now, in your own words explain what the Dreamtime is: _____

2) Pick out the proper noun which refers to a Dreamtime story: _____

Pick out the three adjectives which describe the world during the Dreaming

- _____ - _____ - _____

Now explain what the Rainbow Serpent did: _____

Recap: _____



Now, imagine a story around the painting bellow.

You will create a story. You will write 2 to 3 sentences on this drawing bellow.

