

# Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow

Many Aboriginal people have their own stories about Australia 'since time began'. Their stories tell of the creation of people, land, animals and plants. Today, many Aboriginal groups have a **cultural** responsibility for their traditional land. They continue to 'care for **Country**' in different ways.

**Archaeologists** have found evidence that Australia has been home to Aboriginal people for at least 50,000 years. Aboriginal sites such as rock art, **quarries**, **shell middens** and fireplaces are all examples of **evidence** that can tell stories about the first peoples of Australia.



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Rocks such as these pieces of yellow and red ochre are used by Aboriginal people.

# Types of Evidence

## Quarries

A quarry is an outcrop of rock from which Aboriginal people obtained stone to make tools or **ochre** to make paint. Stone has been one of the most important materials for toolmaking by Aboriginal people across Australia.



This is a quarry on Calton Hills Station near Mount Isa in Queensland.

**Elders** Lawrence Condrón and Patrick Donovan are looking at stone **artefacts** at a quarry on Calton Hills Station.

