

Indigenous Australians

Julie's ancestors have lived in Australia for thousands of years. No-one is sure how long ago Indigenous people reached Australia. It was many, many thousands of years ago.

The earliest Australians might have come from countries to the north. It was so long ago that Australia was probably still joined to Asia. Some of Julie's ancestors might have walked to Australia long ago. Others might have come in small boats, moving from island to island until they reached the shores of Australia.



Julie



The Indigenous rock paintings in the Kimberly area of Western Australia are believed to be thousands of years old.

When English explorer Captain James Cook arrived in Australia in 1770, thousands of Indigenous Australians were already living here. They lived in places all over Australia, from the far north to what is today known as Tasmania.



When Captain Cook landed in Australia, Indigenous people had lived there for thousands of years.

Today, some Australians, like Julie, are descended from these Indigenous people. But most Australians aren't. Their ancestors came from other places.

