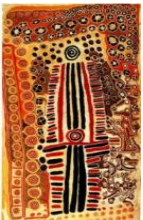


### A. Key words and Meanings

Aboriginal	Inhabiting or existing in a land from the earliest times or from before the arrival of colonists; indigenous.
Traditions	Long established customs or beliefs which are passed onto one generation from another.
Continent	Any of the world's main continuous expanses of land.
Ceremony	A formal religious or public occasion, typically one celebrating a particular event or anniversary
Textile	A type of cloth or fabric.
Metaphorical	A thing regarded as representative or symbolic of something else, particularly something abstract.

### C. Artists

Jack Wunuwun



#### Banumbirr the Morning Star

The morning star is important in Aboriginal culture and is related to the physical phases of life and death/day and night. The painting is layered with metaphorical allusions to the cycle of life and symbolic references to the natural world.

### B. Aboriginal Facts and Information

1. The Aborigines have occupied Australia for at least 50,000 years.
2. They have one of the oldest living art traditions in the world.
3. The Aborigines used to paint on the walls of rock shelters or on tree bark, using natural materials as paint.
4. One characteristic of Aboriginal paintings is simplistic images usually depicted from above.
5. Animals are often drawn with their skeletons and inner organs showing.
6. Cross hatching and dotting are often added for decoration.
7. Aboriginal paintings depict stories and myths about their ancestors and the creation of their land.

### D. Materials and Techniques

Pen and Ink



A medium used for drawing. Cross hatching is the easiest and most basic method of adding tone with pen & ink.

Collage



The term **collage** derives from the French term *papiers collés* (or *découpage*), used to describe techniques of pasting paper cut-outs onto various surfaces.