

K-2 Aboriginal Education Online learning

Unit 1 - Boomerang

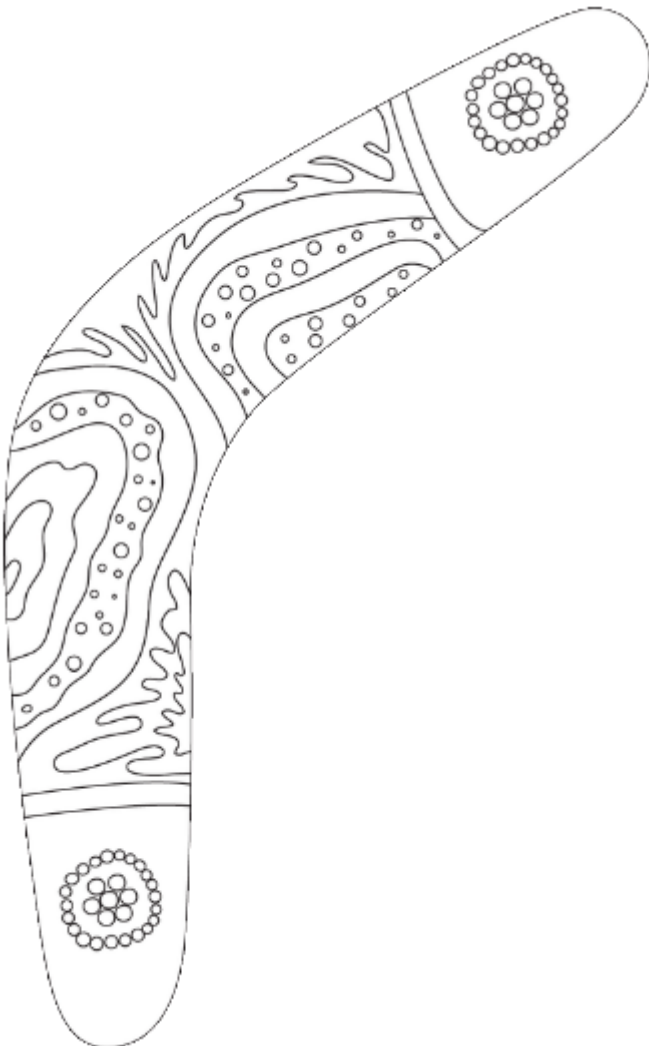
Make a boomerang

A boomerang is a tool that was originally used for hunting by Aboriginal Australians. Its special design means that it returns to the thrower in a big arc. Typically made of wood, boomerangs are often beautifully decorated with indigenous symbols and images.

Design your own boomerang

Think about the colours found in nature. Indigenous Australians crush up rocks of different colours and use bark, leaves and other materials to make paint. Take a walk outside and see if you can find any rocks that could be crushed and mixed with water to make paint. If you have a safe place outside that you can draw on (driveway or foot path) see if you can use your paint to draw.

Colour your own boomerang using up to 4 different colours that can be found in nature - such as red, brown, yellow, black. Draw your own boomerang on paper or use the copy here.



Now you can make your own out of paper!

You will need:

A plain sheet of white paper

A pencil

Thick paper or cardboard (a shoe box or cereal box is perfect)

Coloured crayons or markers

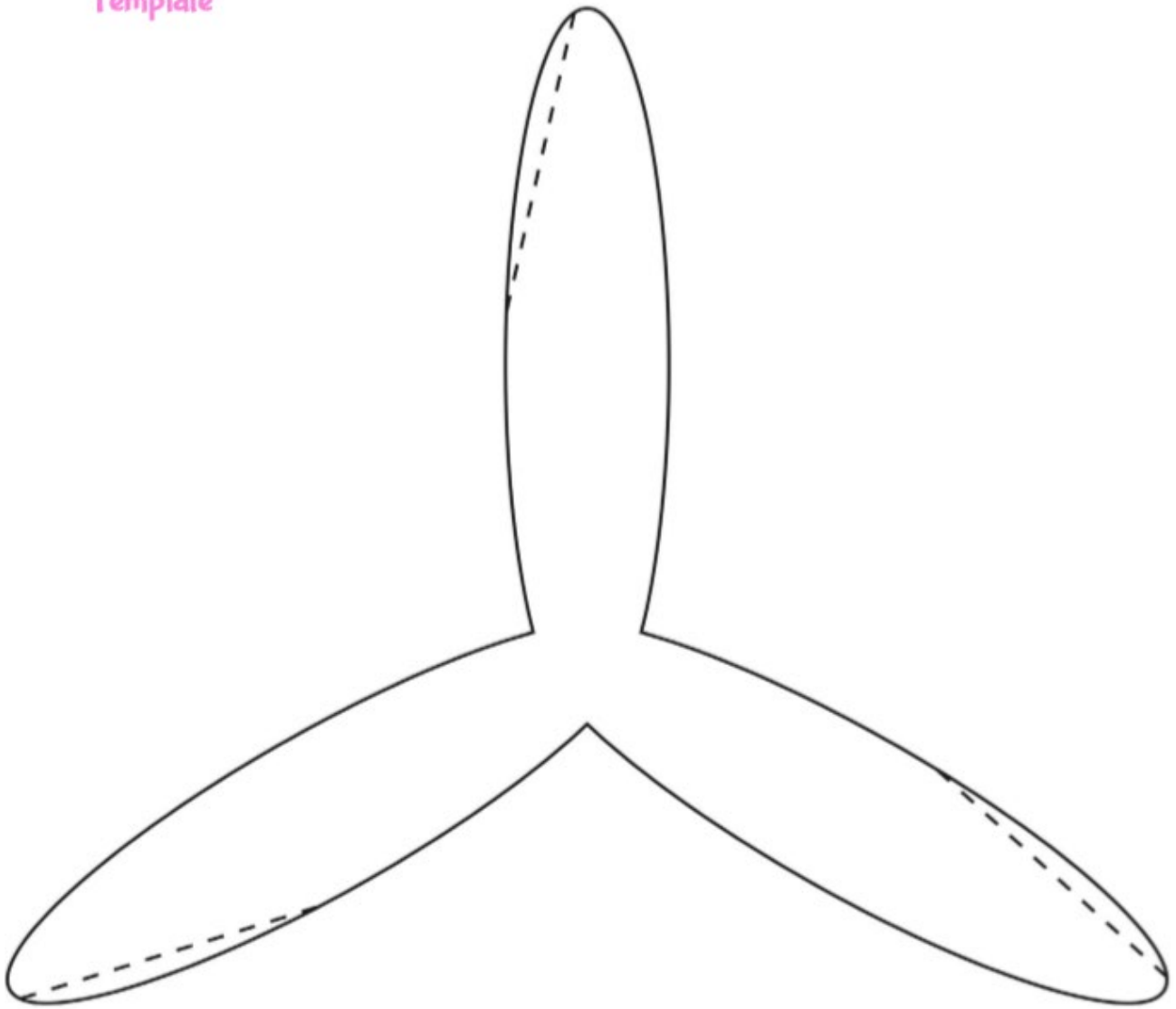
Scissors

Method:

1. Take your plain sheet of white paper and place it over the boomerang template (below). You should be able to see the outline of the shape through your paper. Carefully trace the shape onto your paper and cut it out.
2. Place the paper boomerang shape onto your cardboard and again trace around the shape.
3. Using your coloured crayons or markers, draw an Aboriginal design onto the cardboard within the outline of the boomerang. Think about traditional Australian animals that are significant to Indigenous culture.
4. Carefully cut out your cardboard boomerang.
5. Angle the edges of the three prongs down along the dotted lines shown. It's very important that you fold each edge by the same amount so that your boomerang flies smoothly through the air.
6. Take your new boomerang outside and see how it flies. Throw your boomerang by holding one prong with your thumb and forefinger. Flick your wrist forward and let go! Does it come back to you? Think about the way you need to throw it, for it to return to you. It takes practise to make your boomerang come back. Will you be able to catch it when it does?
7. If you master the art of boomerang throwing, teach someone else! Make a video and upload to SeeSaw to show your teacher. Watch some YouTube clips on How to Fly a Boomerang.

Have FUN!

Template



Dreaming Symbols

Name: _____ Date: _____



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Text: Magic boomerang - find a link!

Dreaming symbols - what each one means, how they tell stories.

Activity: What do you think these symbols mean?

Next: Description of each symbol's meaning