Aboriginal People

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Aboriginal people were the first Australians. They were here thousands of years before Europeans arrived.
Some Aboriginal groups lived near the sea and others lived in or near the desert.
Men went hunting for kangaroos, emus, fish, dugongs and turtles. They used spears, boomerangs, clubs and nets. Women collected fruits, roots, nuts and berries. Children also helped collect grubs, lizards and insects.
Aboriginal people believe that the Dreamtime was when Earth was created. They told stories about the Dreamtime to their children to teach them about their culture. They also told stories in their paintings which can be found on rocks and caves. The stories gave them laws to live by and kept them safe.
The Aboriginal culture is ancient and should be respected. I think it is very important for all Australians to know our history.