

Walking in Two Worlds Connection to Place Activity

The podcast explores the special connection that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People have to Country; considering Country to be their mother. According to the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies,

Country is the term often used by Aboriginal peoples to describe the lands, waterways and seas to which they are connected. The term contains complex ideas about law, place, custom, language, spiritual belief, cultural practice, material sustenance, family and identity.

Walking in Two Worlds explains that Ngarrindjeri men fought in WW1 to protect their special connection to Country. It also explored how the stakes were so high for these Aboriginal men with the risk of dying and being buried so far away from their ancestral home.

Activity

We all have connection to special places that are important to our identity. Consider places that are important to you and your family.

1. Do you know your cultural background? Where does your family originate from?
2. How do you know the stories about where your family is from? Who told you?
3. Go to Google Maps and find where your family is from. Take a screenshot and paste the map into a word document. Write a short description about what you know about this place.
4. Where is a special place for you? Go to Google Maps and find the place, change the view to satellite, screen shot the image and paste into the same word document. Write a caption answering these questions: Why is this place so special - Is it how you feel when you are there? Is it a familiar place that you visit often? Do you think you will continue to regularly visit this place when you are older?

You may need to ask your family the following questions:

5. Where have your ancestors been laid to rest? Have they been buried in graveyards or have their ashes been spread at a special place? Perhaps the ashes remain in the custody of a family member?
6. Once again go to Google Maps and change the view to satellite, take a screen shot of two or more places where your ancestors 'rest'. Write short captions to explain who rests there and where the place is. If you have visited these places, record your memory of visiting them.