

Albert Namatjira

Albert Namatjira was an Aboriginal artist from the MacDonnell Ranges in Central Australia. As a pioneer of contemporary Indigenous Australian art, he was the most famous Indigenous Australian of his generation.

Watch this video which is an Archie Roach song about his life:

After watching the video answer the following questions. You may need to do some further research.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=prc6sQcURXU>

- 1 Where and when was Albert born?
- 2 What was his childhood like?
- 3 List 5 events that happened in Albert's life.
- 4 Describe the features of his paintings that you see in the video.
- 5 Look at the 2 paintings on the sheet. Describe what you see and his use of colour and brush work.
- 6 How are these paintings indicative of Albert's style?
- 7 Why do you think Archie wrote this song?

