

# Who are the indigenous peoples of the world?

1 Watch the video about the uncontacted Amazon tribe.

2 What do you wonder about the lives of the people in the video?

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3 The people in the video are true indigenous peoples. What do you think makes them indigenous?

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4 Using words and phrases from the collage below, write your own definition for indigenous peoples.



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There are approximately 370 million indigenous peoples in the world. They live in all regions of the globe and represent more than 5 000 different groups. Each indigenous culture is significant to the area they inhabit and has a unique culture. As indigenous peoples have survived in their territory for many thousands of years, modern cultures can learn from the ways they interact with the environment around them.

**5** Match the indigenous peoples groups with a country or area they originate from.

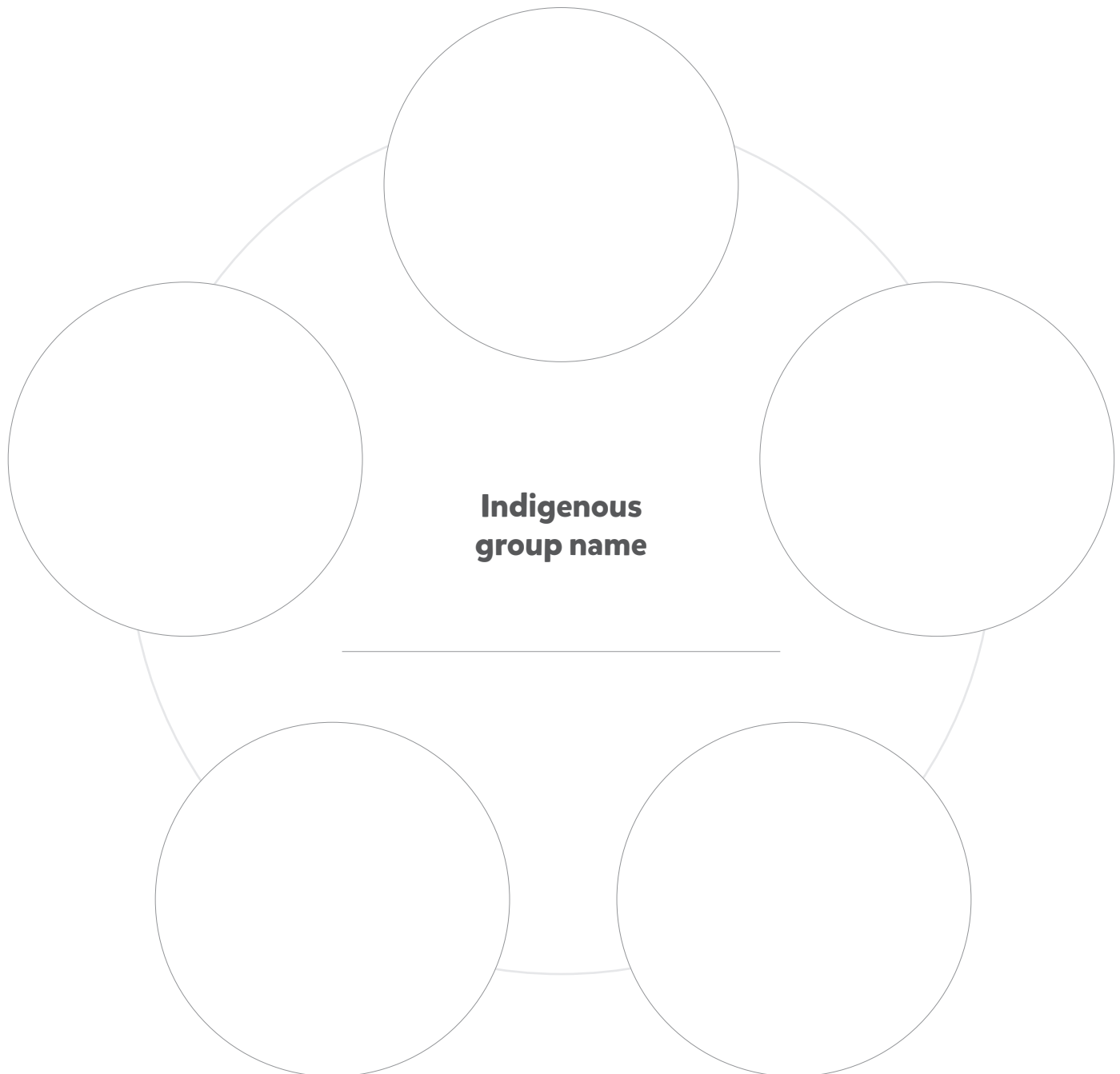
**Maori****Inuit****Aboriginal and Torres  
Strait Islander peoples****The Sami people****Orang Asli****Ainu****American Indian****Moken****The USA****Malaysia****Japan****Canada****Northern Europe****Australia****New Zealand****Thailand**

**6**  Using the websites provided, conduct your own research into one of the indigenous groups from question five. Choose your group and then colour and label the place or places where they originate from and live on the world map below.



**7**

Complete a mind map below with your information about one indigenous group. Include details such as customs, beliefs, history, social organisation, language, dress, music.



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Using the information on the Creative Spirits website, conduct your own research into Aboriginal peoples' fire management, Indigenous protected areas or modern care.

Make your own sketch or freehand map showing what you've learnt about one of these ways that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples influence the Australian environment. Include labels with key words and phrases of information.

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In Canadian First Nation and Native American Indian culture the circle is a sacred symbol as it represents the cycle of all forms of life. Can you name the following symbols of these indigenous cultures, where the circle shape is a feature?

