What do you know about the Aboriginal people from your region?

Use the pen to jointly construct a mind map of all students' prior knowledge.
The Aboriginal people from the Sydney Basin are called Darug.
Who are Darug people?

The Darug are collectively known as a tribe. There were around five to eight thousand Darug people living in the Sydney region between Botany Bay, the Hawkesbury River and the Blue Mountains when it was invaded in 1788.

Within the Darug, there are three groups, coastal Darug, inland Darug and Darug living on the Hawkesbury River. There are over 30 clans. (Heiss, 2002; Kohen, 2009)
Aboriginal groups within a tribe are called a clan. Within the Darug tribe there are 29 clans.

**TERMINOLOGY**

- **Clan**
- **Totem**
- **Elder**
- **Tribe**
- **Dreaming**
- **Country**

Read aloud the word then predict its Aboriginal definition before clicking to reveal.
Label the face below using the Darug words.

Yennirri

Marlin

Maya

Walu

Birabira

Nugura

Waalan

Guri
A "Welcome to Country" is where the Traditional Aboriginal Custodians (in most cases the Elders) welcome people to their Land. It recognises Aboriginal people in Australian culture and history, and as the Original Custodians of the Land. A "Welcome to Country" may consist of a single speech by the representative of the local Aboriginal community, or it can also include a performance of some description such as a Traditional Welcoming Song, a Traditional Dance, didjeridoo performance or a combination of any of the above. It is important to recognise that the performing of a "Welcome to Country" ceremony is a right of the local Aboriginal Custodians.

After discussing the questions above, scroll down to learn about some traditions for Darug people.

What do you think is a 'Welcome to Country'? Click after discussion to find out.

A traditional custodian is an Indigenous person who has responsibility for an area (such as their country), object, or who knows the traditional laws and customs applying to that area or object.

What or who is a traditional custodian? Click after discussion to find out.

What is a tradition? What would be something your family does that is traditional? Click the frog for more information on Welcome to Country.
Where are the Darug clans?

Click on the suburb closest to your school to learn the Darug clan name for that area.

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Use a map of the Sydney basin to locate all Darug tribes. Which clans do you think are inland and coastal?

Click map to go to an interactive version.

(Kohen, 2009)
Why does each word end in 'gal'?
Figure 1. 1798 Claims along the Parramatta River. Superimposed on Chart of Port Jackson, Cornwallis, 1798. Mitchell Library, State Library of New South Wales.

KEY:
1. Burraramatta
2. Parramatta
3. Mur-rmy-mah
4. Biggi Birgi
5. Wallumatta
6. Boorithala-gula
7. Turban Creek
8. Yarrambool
9. Memel
10. Go-mo-ah

- Breakfast Point
- Turban
- Longnose Point
- Goat Island
- Darling Harbour
Where is Darug Country?

Click the heading to read about the boundaries of Darug country.
Each map links to a website that students can investigate. Discuss reasons why some maps appear different to others and which maps give a clear picture of Darug country.
Darug Totems

Click and drag the images of the Aboriginal Totems to see which animals are Darug Totems.

Teacher's background information:
Darug people are given a totem when they are born which can be inherited from the father (e.g. if the father had a Kangaroo totem, then the child would also have a Kangaroo totem). A boy could not marry a girl who had the same totem. (Kohen, 1993). Or is present when the child is born (e.g. the mother sees a crow flying at or shortly after birth).
The Darug have 5 neighbouring tribes. Use the directions and place them on the map.

- Tribe: Darkinjung
  Direction: North-West
- Tribe: Wiradjuri
  Direction: West
- Tribe: Kuringgai
  Direction: North
- Tribe: Dharawal
  Direction: South
- Tribe: Gundungurra
  Direction: South-West
Aboriginal Elders are the knowledge and the spirit of the Darug culture. They understand the way things were and provide a strong link to learning about the Darug people and country. However, sometimes guidance, knowledge and past experiences can be painful memories and we must respect their wishes and appreciate all they can teach us.

An important way to acknowledge an Aboriginal Elder is by calling them Aunty or Uncle - with permission of course!

NB: These photographs are some of the Darug Elders, not all.
Respecting Darug Elders

Discuss some of the ways you show respect to older people in your family and community. Write them below.

Then evaluate if these ways would apply to Darug Elders.

Click circle to read about the Darug Tribal Aboriginal Corporation's definition of an Elder (you will need to scroll through document)
What you have learned about the Darug people and their country?

Use the pen to jointly construct a mind map of all students' learning
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