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Overview

State Library is a great place to learn about the Deep Time History of Australia and to find information to complete your research-based assessments.

[State Library's One Search catalogue](#) is the gateway to an extensive suite of national and international journals, databases, eBooks, encyclopedias, newspaper archives, and collections of thousands of historical images, letters, artworks, diaries and artefacts to interrogate as sources.

This guide is designed to help you discover items on the Deep Time History of Australia that you can access on site, from your school or home.

Before you get started

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You can search our catalogue for [all items on Ancient Australia](#) or begin exploring by clicking on some of the featured items contained in this research guide.

Featured Databases

The [National Geographic Virtual Library](#) has magazine articles and more on the history of First Australians.

The screenshot shows a digital article interface. At the top, it says 'GALE PRESENTS NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC'. Below that is a search bar and navigation icons. The article title is 'Child of Gondwana' by Joseph Judge. The main content area includes a map of the Gondwana supercontinent, showing the Eurasian Plate, Indo-Australian Plate, and the separation of landmasses. The map is color-coded to show 'Past Land Bridges' and 'Present-day landmasses'. Text on the page explains that fossils of *Glossopteris* were recovered, supporting the theory of continental drift. It also mentions that the landmasses began to fragment and the pieces, carried on separate plates, began to move. A key point is that during its walkabout, Australia was carrying a cargo of plants and animals that had long lived in the superland of Gondwana but would meet a new fate. Most important of these were the marsupials, mammals that deliver their young prematurely and nurture them outside, in a pouch, instead of inside, in a womb. A sidebar on the left contains navigation options like 'Explore', 'Table Of Contents', 'Illustrated Works', and 'View Full Citation'. A right sidebar contains a text box titled 'ANCESTORS of Australia's Aborigines' which states they may have been the world's first seafarers, who came from Asia, voyaging from the Indonesian islands by raft, and trekking the broad land bridge that connected Australia and New Guinea. Waited ashore from the Huon Peninsula date from 40,000 years ago; similar tools.

The [Britannica Library](#) has articles, images, videos, primary sources, eBooks and more, written especially for teenagers, and features articles on Human Origins and [Australian Aboriginal peoples](#).

The screenshot shows the Britannica Library Teens interface. At the top, there is a search bar and a menu icon. Below this is a large landscape image of a savanna with a prominent rock formation. The title 'human origins' is displayed in large white text over the image. A 'TABLE OF CONTENTS' button is visible on the left. Below the title, there are social media sharing icons. A 'Reading Level' indicator shows levels 1, 2, and 3, with level 2 selected. Navigation tabs for 'Article', 'Images & Videos', and 'Related' are present. The main content area features the heading 'Introduction' and a sub-heading 'The study of human origins is the study of how modern humans evolved from earlier humanlike'. There are small thumbnail images of people below the text.

Maps

State Library provides an Indigenous languages map of Queensland.

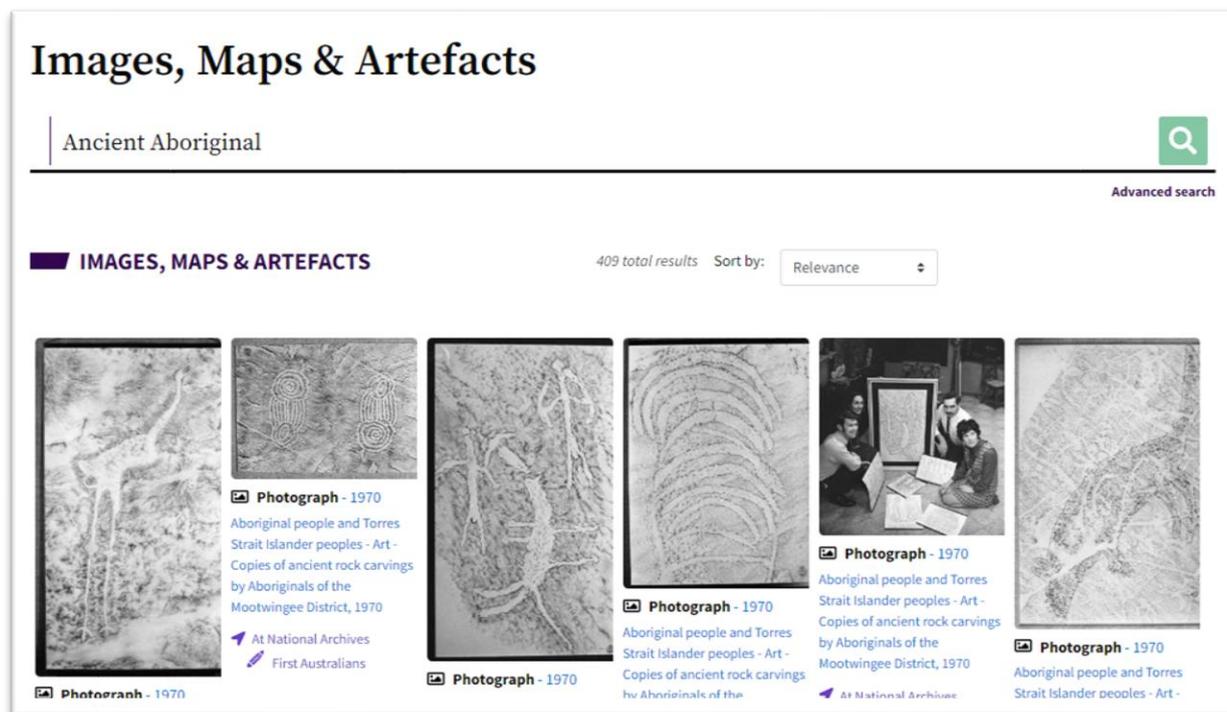
The screenshot shows the State Library Queensland Indigenous Languages Map interface. At the top, there is a search bar for a suburb and a dropdown menu for selecting a language. A 'Fullscreen' button is in the top right corner. The main area is divided into two sections. On the left is a map of Queensland with numerous black location pins. On the right, there is a grid of language cards. The top card is for 'Abodja' in the 'Western Cape York' region, featuring a black and white photograph of a group of people in a traditional setting. The second card is for 'Agwamin' in the 'Gulf Region', featuring a black and white photograph of a river scene with trees. Below these are two more cards, one showing a group of people standing and another showing people sitting at a table.

[Trove](#) provides access to primary and secondary sources from Ancient Australia.

Images, Maps & Artefacts

Ancient Aboriginal Advanced search

IMAGES, MAPS & ARTEFACTS 409 total results Sort by: Relevance



The screenshot shows a search results page for 'Ancient Aboriginal' on Trove. The page title is 'Images, Maps & Artefacts'. Below the title, there is a search bar with 'Ancient Aboriginal' entered and an 'Advanced search' link. The results are sorted by 'Relevance' and show 409 total results. There are six image thumbnails displayed in a grid. Each thumbnail has a caption and metadata. The captions are: 'Aboriginal people and Torres Strait Islander peoples - Art - Copies of ancient rock carvings by Aboriginals of the Mootwingee District, 1970'. The metadata includes 'At National Archives' and 'First Australians'.

More

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