

# DIDGERIDOO DOWN UNDER

Australia-theme Music-Geography-Art-Reading Programs for  
Schools

## Education Outline

**Topics covered in both study guide and presentation ...**  
(some topics might be covered more heavily than others)

### **Australia**

- history
- geography
- culture
- music & art
- ecology & nature
- related vocabulary words

### **The Aborigines**

- history
- culture
- music & art
- environmental connection & conservation
- communication & language
- hunting tools and techniques
- equal rights movement
- related vocabulary words

### **The Didgeridoo**

- history
- link to nature
- musical uses
- ceremonial uses
- crafting techniques
- playing techniques
- related vocabulary words

**Some ideas for classroom lessons & activities** (based on  
information provided in presentation and study guide) ...

**Geography:** Study Australia on a globe and/or map. Pinpoint all states, territories, major cities and landmarks. Learn about its diverse ecological systems and what makes it such a unique continent.

**Music:** Construct, decorate and learn to play didgeridoos, clap sticks and bull roarers. (Darren is also available for extended didgeridoo-playing workshops for both kids and adults.) Listen to and study traditional Aboriginal music, and indigenous music from other cultures.

**Art:** Construct and decorate PVC didgeridoos, clap sticks and bull roarers. Study and create the different styles of Aboriginal art, including bark paintings, X-ray art and dot art.

**Reading & Writing:** Learn correct meaning, spelling and pronunciation of related vocabulary words in all sections. Study and write reports on any of Darren's recommended readings or other Australia/Aborigine-related texts and books.

**Social Studies:** Study Aboriginal culture and the hardships they've had to overcome, similar to the United States' Native American and black populations.

**Nature:** Learn about the indigenous animals of Australia. Contrast the ecological problems created by feral animals Down Under and the environmental trouble caused by feral animals in the United States, especially in Florida.

## **Bonus!**

Recommended reading list of Australian/Aboriginal/didg-related texts and books!

Recommended listening list of didg & world music!

Hear our motivational message for succeeding in school, career and life!

Website links for more educational activities, lessons and information!