 Resource 1

Investigating our past

Students research a past Aboriginal massacre (where possible local).

This is to engage with the poem ‘The Past’, developing empathy and acknowledgement of a terrible history.

The example below is from the Creative Spirits website- Myall Creek Massacre 1838

Link to the website: [Creative spirits – Myall creek massacre 1838](https://www.creativespirits.info/aboriginalculture/history/myall-creek-massacre-1838)

* Name and describe what occurred at Myall Creek in 1838?

* Give a 3 sentence summary of the historic background of the place and the event.

* Explain impact of this massacre to its community? Past and present.

* Why do you think it took so long for a memorial on the site to be erected?

* Explain the impact of the memorial and what it represented today?

* ‘The past is all about us and within’ Evaluate what this statement means in relation to your research into Myall Creek and ‘The Past’. This is not a comparison for study but rather a way to establish empathy and understanding of the Oodgeroo and her perspective in her poem.