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Aboriginal World

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The 3 World's

- PHYSICAL
- HUMAN
- SACRED



Physical World

- Sky
- Animals
- Land



Human World

- Ceremonies
- People
- Family Relationships
- Rules of Behaviour
- Capacity to adapt to change



Sacred World

- Stories
- Healing
- Care of Country
- Punishment
- Law / Lore



Aboriginal World



Aboriginal World Lore (law)

- **What is lore / law?**

The Aboriginal peoples of Australia had a complex system of law long before the establishment of British law in Australia, their system of law is often referred to as “traditional law”.

There were no formal courts under traditional law, instead problems regarding traditional law were handled by elders - the oldest people in the community.

The term ‘lore’ refers to the customs and stories the Aboriginal peoples learned from the Dreamtime. Aboriginal lore was passed on through the generations through songs, stories and dance and it governed all aspects of traditional life.

Traditional lore is connected to ‘The Dreaming’ and provides rules on how to interact with the land, kinship and community.

Aboriginal children learned the law from childhood, by observing customs, ceremonies and song cycles.



LORE (law)

- **Why lore / law?**

In Traditional lore, matters are often discussed between the offenders' family and victim to decide the severity of the punishment and who will carry it out. The process is swift and the community can return to normal.



LORE (law)

- **Who decides lore / law?**

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- Elders are important people in Aboriginal communities - they have important roles in how the community works and how the community relates with those outside the community, including government departments and service providers.
- Elders are respected in the community.
- Some elders are the traditional owners of the land.
- Some elders are 'acknowledged elders'



LORE (law)

- **What happens if you break the lore / law**

There are Aboriginal communities in remote parts of Australia where the traditional culture is the dominant way of life.

Unfortunately 'Traditional' Aboriginal lore practices may not work properly for these communities because they largely conflict with the Australian legal system. For example the Australian legal system punishes the offender by imprisonment and isolation from their community. In Traditional lore, matters are often discussed between the offenders' family and victim to decide the severity of the punishment and who will carry it out. The process is swift and the community can return to normal.



Respect

























