The Earth's Environment - Cool Burnings Dreaming Story



Writing Lesson 3 - Planning a Dreamtime Story



• Watch these two Dreamtime stories on youtube; <u>Tiddalick the frog - animated dreamtime story</u>

Rainbow serpent - animated dreaming story

- > A campfire?
- > A bushfire?
- > A cool burning?
- > A flaming spear?

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Dreaming stories have these FEATURES;

Select a setting

It's a First Nations story, it has to be in Australia. It will describe ordinary things like "the possum had a boomerang" or "The lilly pilly tree knew that it had to provide berries"

Have a non human hero

An Australian animal or bird, or even a tree or waterhole.

Plan the stories purpose

Will it be to reward or punish somebody or to teach a skill, like how to start a fire, or how to stay warm?

The Big Event, Get to the point!

Usually one big event changes everything

Read this Eora dreamtime story about why they do cool burnings:

"Evil Spirit Biami is unhappy because the Eora people are taking too much food from the land (overeating).

Biami threatens to burn the land which will prevent them from taking too much food from the land. They ignore Biami's demands and as a result, Biami burns the bush.

Because of the burning, the food is replenished and Biami is happy again. The Eora people continue to cool burn, even to this day to keep the spirit of Biami happy and food plentiful."

The setting is the land. (Eora nation) The hero is Biami, the evil spirit. The purpose is to explain cool burning. The big event was Biami setting fire to the land.

- Now plan your Dreaming story:
- Write your information by clicking or tapping in the boxes \Downarrow

You will need to use adjectives to describe your setting and your hero.

Here are some adjectives which you can use. (you might think of better ones):

SETTING: dry, dusty, cold, hot, muddy, beautiful, peaceful, noisy, quiet, smelly, rough, prickly, smoky, misty.

HERO:honest, brave, happy, helpful, obedient, cowardly, cruel, lazy, silly, timid.

Setting:	Hero:
Purpose:	Big Event: