

Barradam-bang (Bright star above)

Lesson Plan

Engage and watch the video

Watch the video of Billyara discussing his artwork on the bench seat Barradam-bang (Bright star above).



Discuss

Question 1: What does Barradam-bang mean?

Answer: Bright star above

Question 2: What do the boomerangs represent?

Answer: Knowledge

Question 3: What are the different type of habitats?

Answer: Desert, bush, tropical rainforest, coastal and water systems

Question 4: What are some of the animals you can see?

Answer: ...

Question 5: What does the blue symbol in the centre circle represent?

Answer: Morning Star – Venus

Question 6: What do the “U” shapes represent?

Answer: People sitting around the circle meeting place

Question 7: What are in between the boomerangs?

Answer: Stars and planets

Question 8: What do the stars and planets represent in the artwork?

Answer: Change of seasons

Question 9: What do the hands in the circles represent?

Answer: Acknowledging Mother Earth

Question 10: What does the Bower bird collect?

Answer: Anything blue

Question 11: Where does it put the things it collects and why?

Answer: In its nest to attract a female

Question 12: What else can you see throughout the artwork?

Answer: ...

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Extend and elaborate Lesson plan ideas

1. Research Aboriginal astronomy and stories across Australia that associate with the stars.
2. Draw a boomerang and decorate it.
3. Nature walk
 - a. Look for animals that are found outside the classroom.
 - b. Do they come around in certain times?
 - c. What plants do you see flowers during certain time of the year when these animal are found?
4. Discuss the night sky and the Southern Cross and how certain star features are used for direction.

Evaluate and reflect

List 3 things you learned in today's lesson

