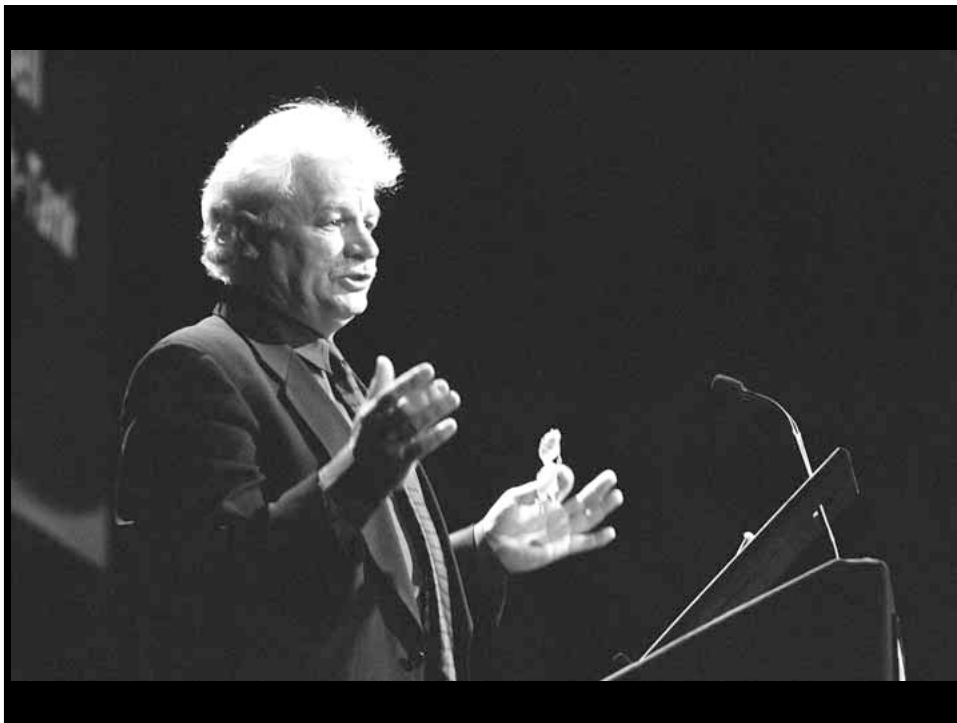


Aboriginal  
students:  
who do  
we think  
they are?

*Greg Lehman  
Manager of Aboriginal Education  
Dept of Education  
Tasmania*





*...the land is practically unoccupied...  
...the natives' way of life does not  
justify their continued enjoyment of  
the country.*

*Lt Capt. James Cook,*

*Van Dieman's Land, 1777*



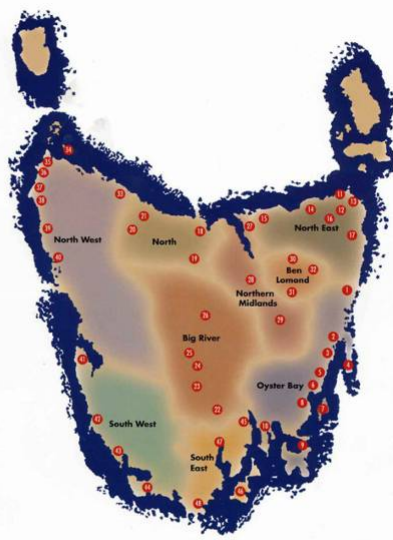


'Let them have enough of Redcoats and bullet fare. For every man they murder, hunt them down and drop ten of them. This is our specific - try it!'

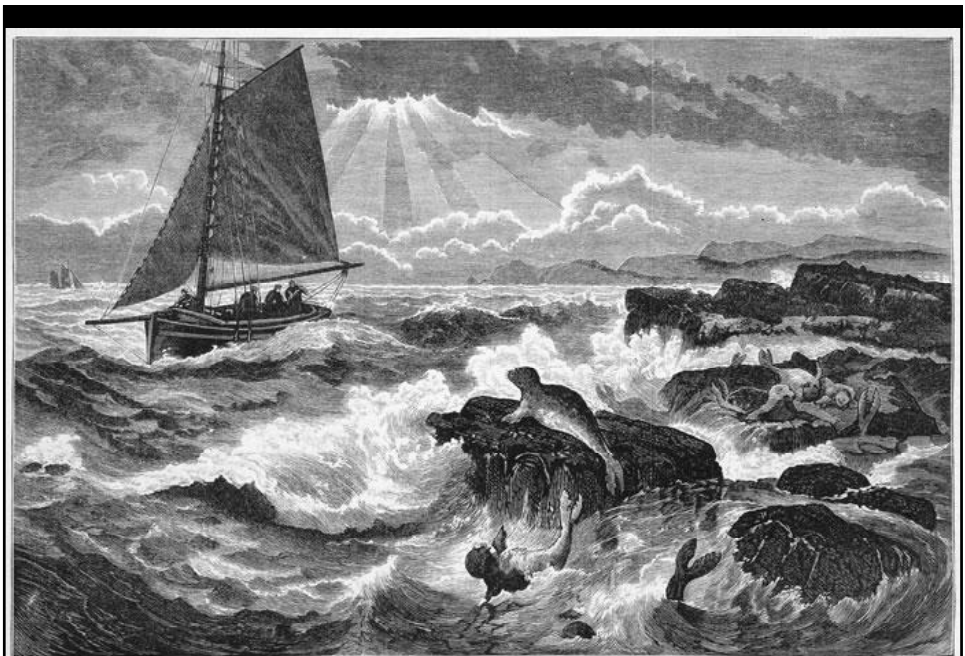
*Colonial Gazette, Hobart, 1824*

Tasmanian Aboriginal Nations, family groups, and their homelands before European invasion

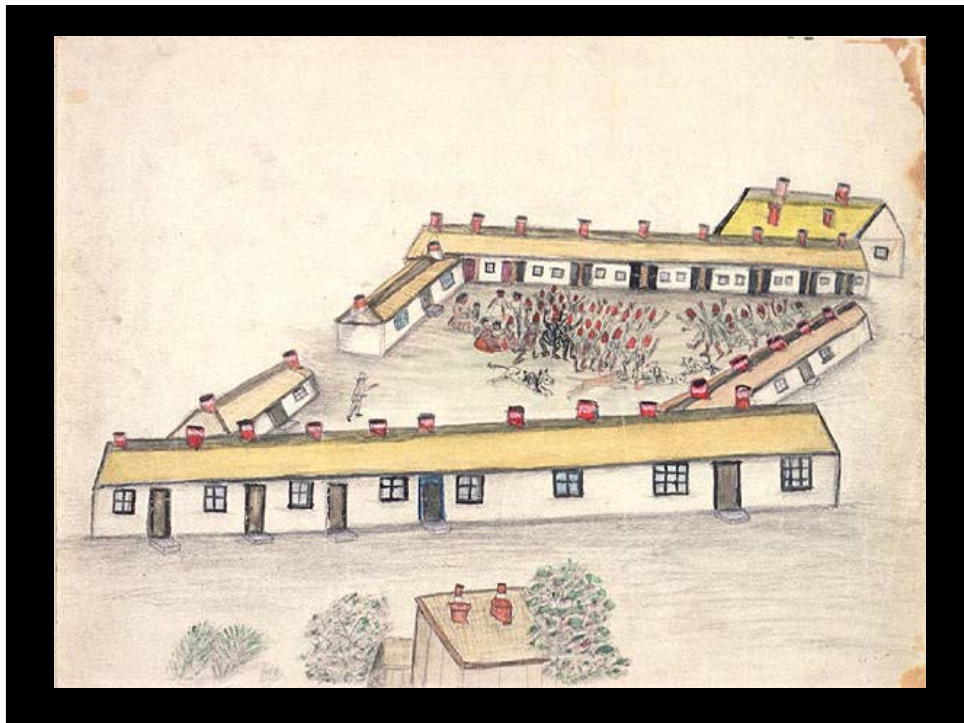
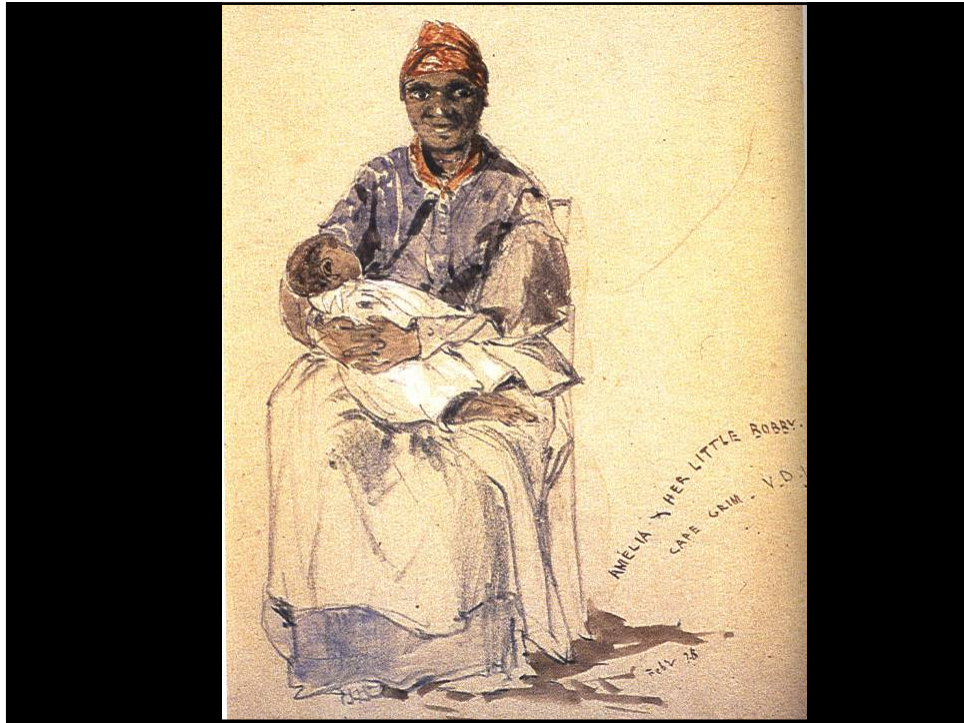
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(Location, family groups, and homelands - from Living With the Land, Department of Education, Tasmania 1991)



SEAL SHOOTING IN BASS'S STRAITS.





"The government's idea of congregating us into one people is absurd. We have many cultures - each with different beliefs. We stand united as Aboriginal people, as Koories, but need to keep our culture alive within our communities.

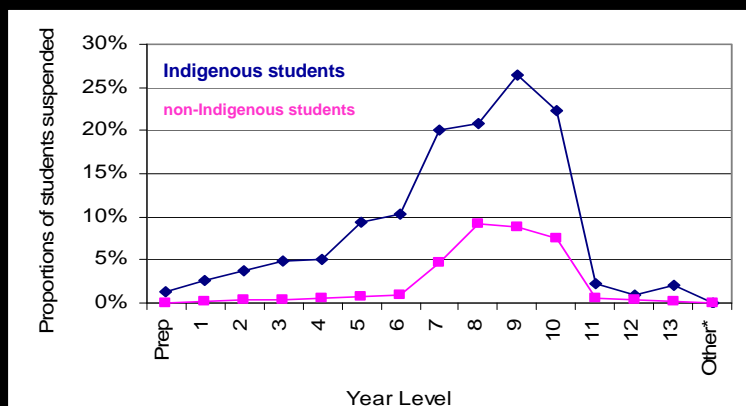
I am an Aboriginal woman with English, Irish, Scottish, Nukunu, Wotjaboluk and Gunditjmara ancestry. I am an Aboriginal Australian.

I am Koorie."

(17 year old)

Telling It Like It Is. Victorian Indigenous Youth Advisory Council, 2006

## Suspensions



I guess at times it can be pretty negative, the broader society's expectations - and I've heard this said by many people. This can be a huge weight for Koorie youth to carry. If we don't have the support around us it can play a huge impact on our identity. If you have people thinking and telling you that you're something negative, it's hard to break free from that cycle.

(23 year old Gunditjmara woman)

*Telling It Like It Is. Victorian Indigenous Youth Advisory Council, 2006*

Koorie is a state of being, to me. That's the simplest answer for it. It's not a skin colour. It's not a percentage, it's not a caste system, it's a state of being. You are Koorie if you're Koorie and you believe you are Koorie.

Koorie culture is an evolving lifestyle, I believe. It's everything that we do, everything that we breathe, everything that we feel, and everything that is important to us.

(21 year old Kurnai woman)

*Telling It Like It Is. Victorian Indigenous Youth Advisory Council, 2006*

"A thousand campfires  
are burning in my blood"

*Ooderoo Noonunkal*