

My name is _____

Proud and Strong

The Baiwa dancers and Bilibal Dance Troupe treated the audience to a powerful display of Torres Strait Islander culture.



PREPARATION BEFORE READING:

This issue of Vibe magazine is all about the 2007 Deadly Awards. People from all over Australia get together to celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander achievement at the Deadlys. This year, the Baiwa dancers and Bilibal Dance Troupe from the Torres Strait proudly showed their culture through dance.



ACTIVITY 1: TORRES STRAIT ISLAND FLAG

Did you know?

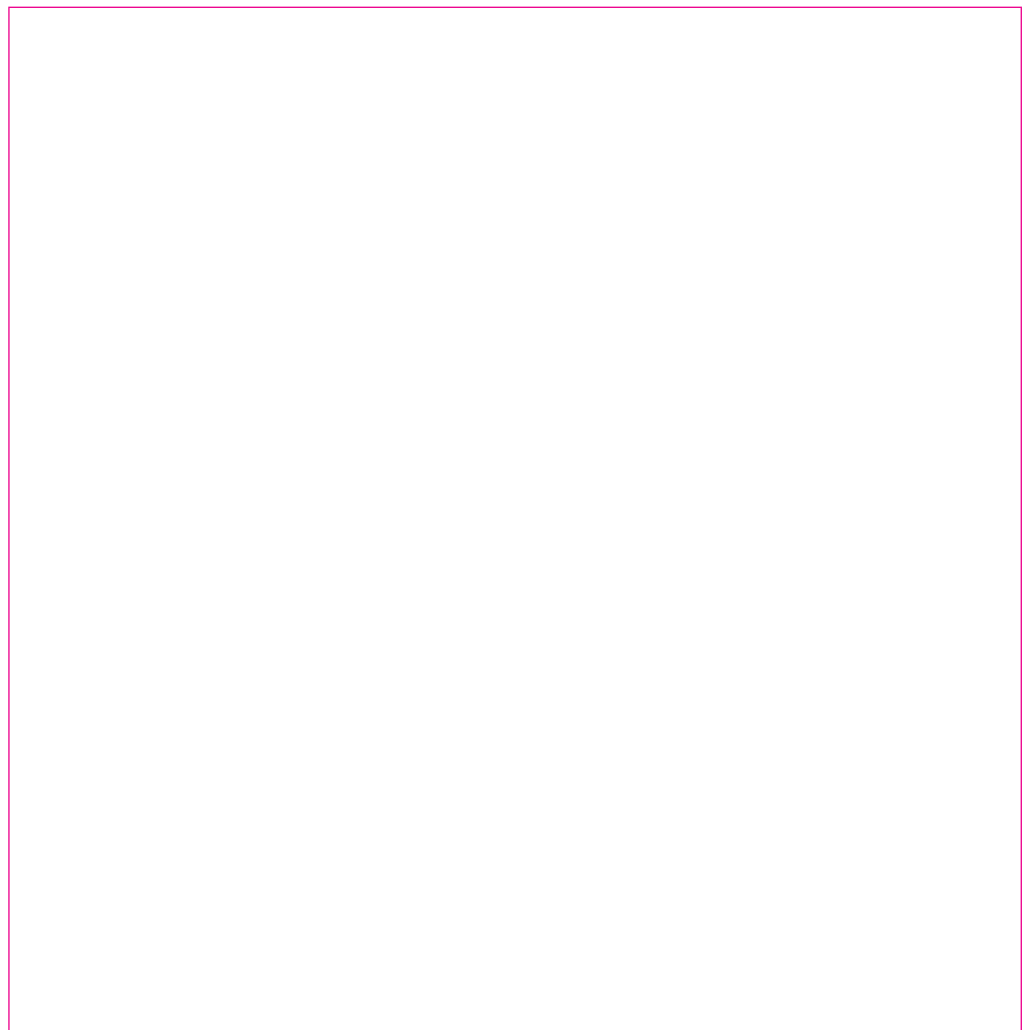
The Torres Strait Islander Flag was designed by Bernard Namok when he was only 15 years old.

He drew a white dari (headdress) in the middle, then a five pointed star underneath to represent the five island groups.

The colours are blue for the water, white for peace, green for the land and black for the people.



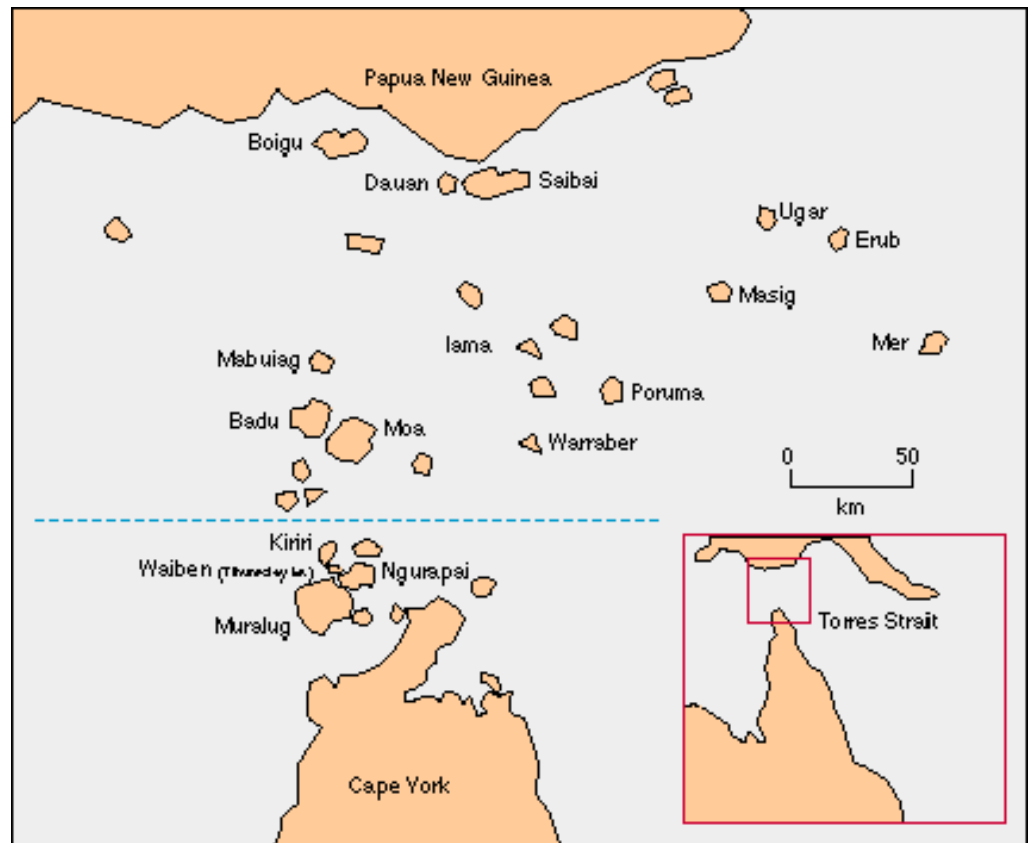
Draw a picture of the Torres Strait Island flag below and colour it in.



ACTIVITY 2: MAP

Torres Strait Islanders come from the islands of the Torres Strait, which separate the Australian mainland at Cape York from Papua New Guinea. The Torres Strait was named after Luis Vaez de Torres, a Spanish adventurer who visited the area in 1606 on his way to the Philippines.

Below is a map of the Torres Strait Islands.



Reading maps

1. Which country is at the very top of this map?

2. What stretch of water separates Papua New Guinea from mainland Australia?

3. Which country is Cape York in?



ACTIVITY 3: UNJUMBLE THESE TORRES STRAIT ISLANDS

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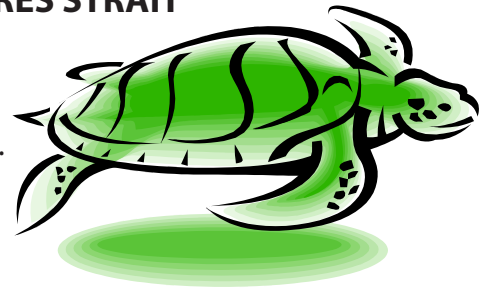
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ACTIVITY 4: FISHING IN THE TORRES STRAIT

People in the Torres Strait love to fish. They can catch barramundi, mangrove jack, prawns, lobsters, turtles and oysters.



Imagine that you had a day out fishing in the Torres Strait.

Describe your day.

Draw a picture to go with your story.

