**First Nations Society Reading Questions**

Read the web page below and answer the following questions:

[Totems, moieties, and kinship: Australian First Nations societies - History Skills](https://www.historyskills.com/classroom/year-7/first-nations-society-reading/)

1. How long have the First Nations people of Australia lived on the continent?
2. What was the focus of the First Nations people's society?
3. What were the primary social structures of the First Nations people?
4. How did most First Nations peoples live?
5. What was the primary reason these groups were often nomadic?
6. How did the First Nations people view their environment?
7. Who typically made decisions within First Nations communities?
8. What is a moiety in the context of First Nations communities?
9. How do moieties influence marriage within some First Nations communities?
10. What is a totem in the context of First Nations communities?
11. How are totems typically represented?
12. How did the First Nations people pass down knowledge?
13. How did the First Nations people view the land?
14. What was the significance of each clan having its territory?
15. What were some common items traded between First Nations groups?
16. How did totems influence marriage laws in some communities?

**Paragraph Writing**

Based upon what you learnt in your reading, answer the following question in a single paragraph:

*How did the First Nations people of Australia ensure the preservation and transmission of their cultural knowledge and traditions without the use of written books or the internet?*