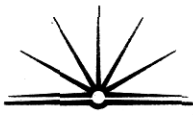


Dear Website Designer,

I loved reading about your thoughts on what happened to the Inuit people! It was really interesting to see how past and present have combined to form some hope for the future.

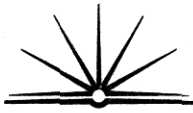
I am from Australia and I love learning about different cultures around the world, especially indigenous cultures. I, myself am an Aboriginal Australian and am very proud to have the cultural heritage that I do however things have not been so great for me and my people in Australia since the new culture has arrived. You know how you said that the Inuit have found a powerful tool (in the internet) that will be able to build bonds between cultures. Well I don't believe that is occurring where I live and I really want it to! I'm afraid



The situation in my area is a little more like the 'disastrous' bit you talk about that has only sometimes occurred to the Abit people. It is not so bad now in 2002 but my Great Grandpa always use to tell to me stories about when he was younger.

My Grandpa ~~was~~ lived in western New South Wales and he said he could remember the times before the white men arrived. He said it was beautiful. Everyone lived with peace but he said the change in a matter of weeks was remarkable when the first white men arrived. He ~~also~~ always use to say how it felt like the rains had come in the dry season when the white man came. It was a big change from usual and the surprise was horrific.

He always said that he couldn't tell me everything ~~what~~ the white man did but



I am guessing what they did was ghastly.

Pa ~~a~~ said that they came and they conquered. Within weeks new animals had arrived, new buildings constructed and he said they destroyed our traditions. He always used to cry when he spoke of this. He said they lost their homes and much of their possessions were stolen. He was so happy & then 'so sad.

Why can't we be like the blacks!

yours sincerely Michael