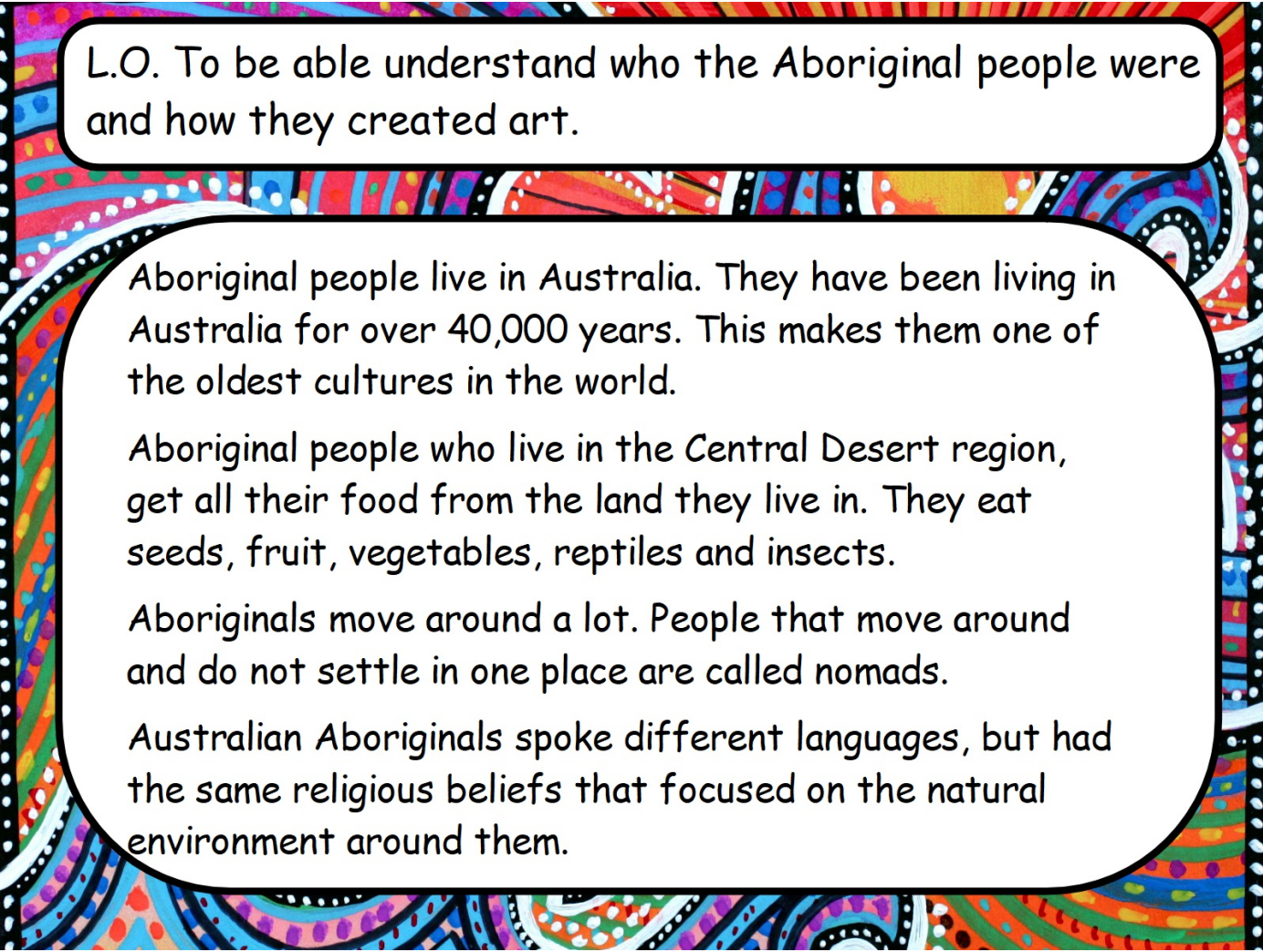


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Does anyone know what  
Aboriginal Art is?  
Do you know who or where the  
Aboriginals live?



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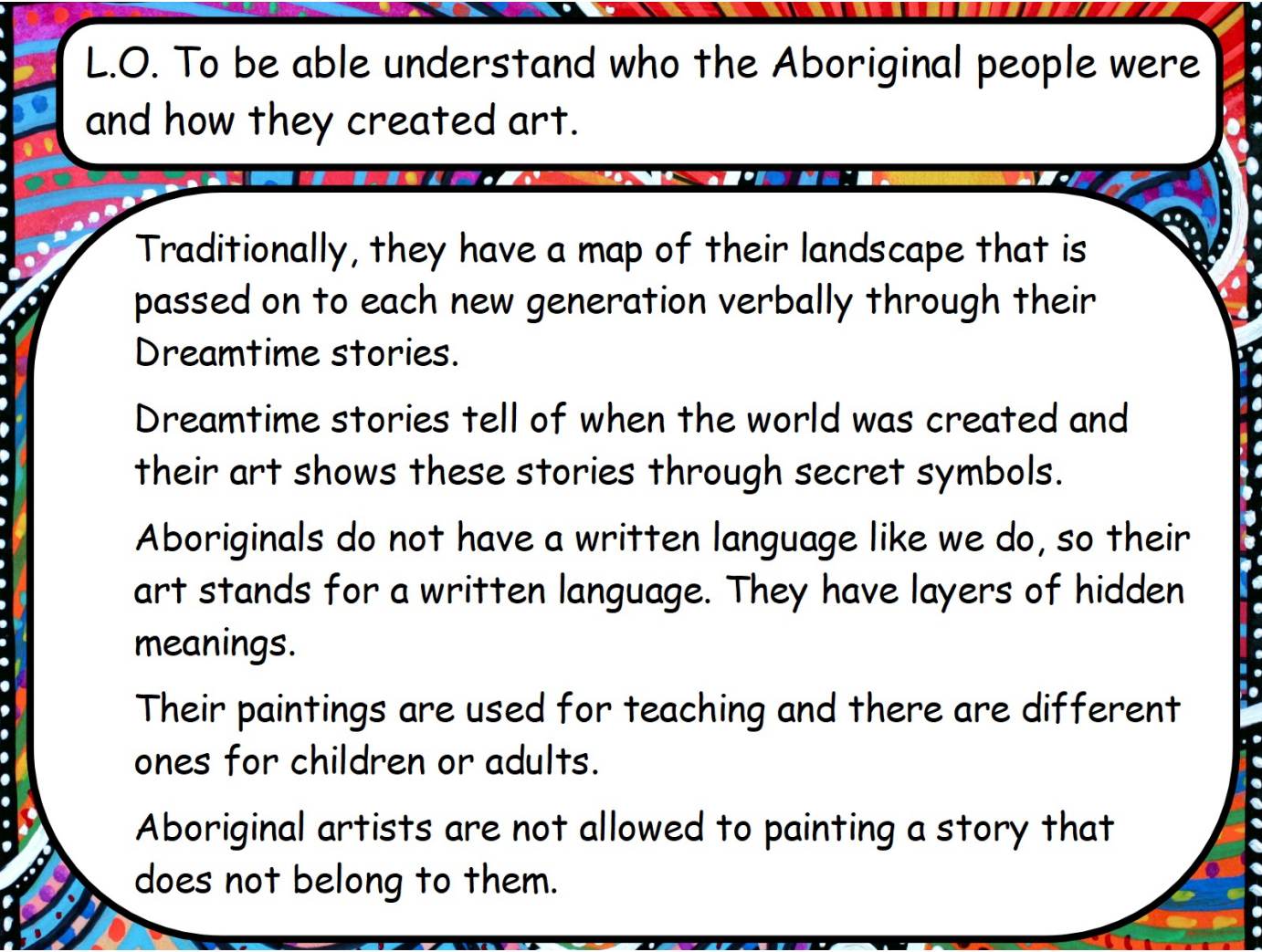
Aboriginal people live in Australia. They have been living in Australia for over 40,000 years. This makes them one of the oldest cultures in the world.

Aboriginal people who live in the Central Desert region, get all their food from the land they live in. They eat seeds, fruit, vegetables, reptiles and insects.

Aboriginals move around a lot. People that move around and do not settle in one place are called nomads.

Australian Aboriginals spoke different languages, but had the same religious beliefs that focused on the natural environment around them.





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Traditionally, they have a map of their landscape that is passed on to each new generation verbally through their Dreamtime stories.

Dreamtime stories tell of when the world was created and their art shows these stories through secret symbols.

Aboriginals do not have a written language like we do, so their art stands for a written language. They have layers of hidden meanings.

Their paintings are used for teaching and there are different ones for children or adults.

Aboriginal artists are not allowed to painting a story that does not belong to them.

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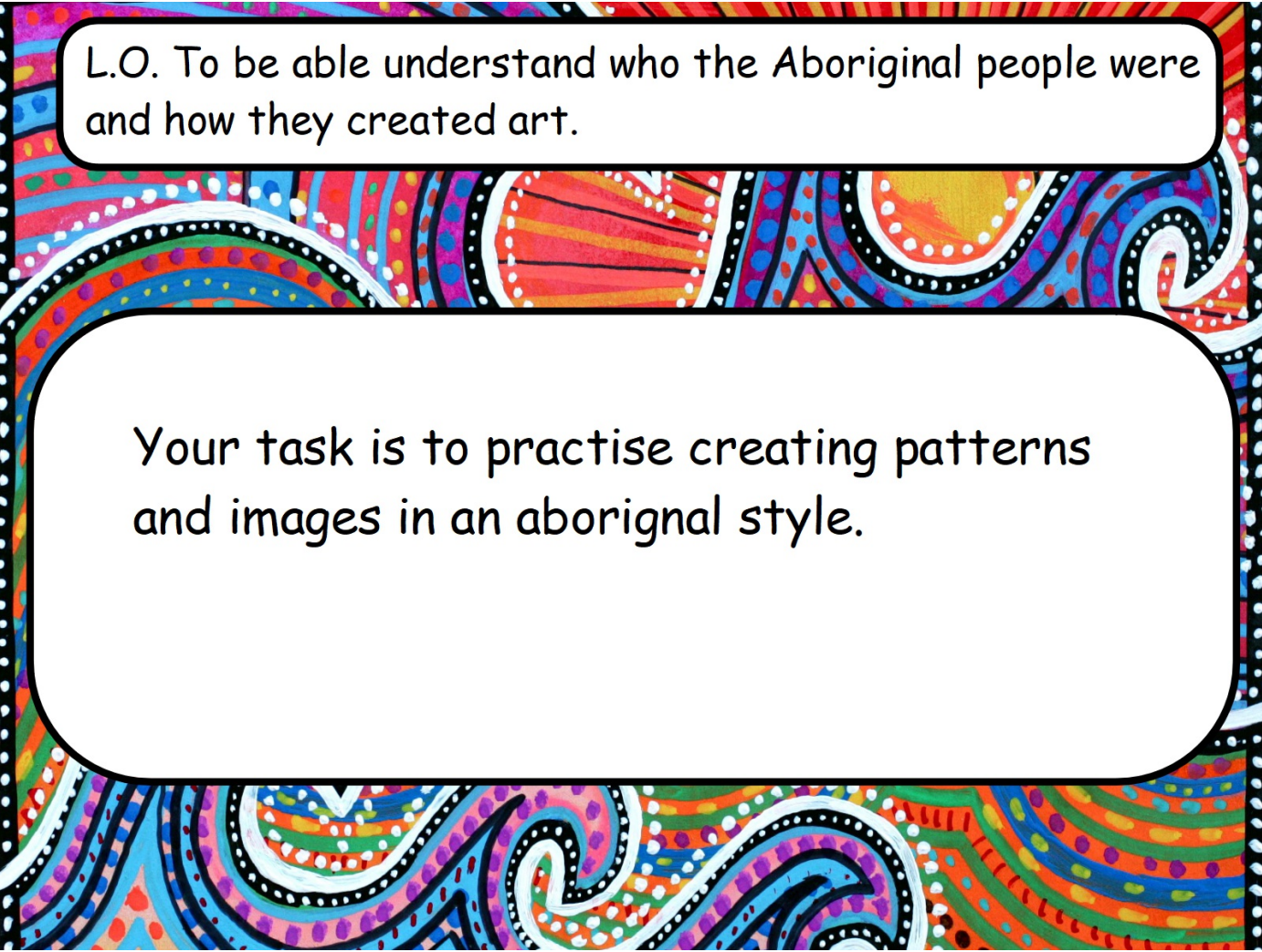
Aboriginal art comes in three regional styles:

1- geometrical style found in central Australia; circles, arcs and dots

2-simple figurative style found in Queensland

3-complex figurative style found in Arnhem land and Kimberley which includes X-ray art.





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Your task is to practise creating patterns and images in an aboriginal style.