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The bracketed statement in activity 2 pages 12 to 13 is not completely fair. Such generalizations, whether they be about Aborigines and Islanders or Non-Aboriginal and Islanders, support prejudice.

Not Recommended

Price: \$4.95

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North Coast Aboriginal Studies Kit

North Coast Institute of Aboriginal Community Education.
Lismore, 1984.

TRADITIONAL ORIENTED CULTURE - The kit shows the hard work put into it by its compilers. It has a great potential as a basis for an Aboriginal Studies Program using, in the situation of Queensland schools, the case study approach.

The student workcards have been well thought out. However, the illustration on the "Possum Hair String" and "Fish Poisoning" cards could have been improved, as the possum looks more like a kitten and the fisherman appears to be sticking out his tongue. Paragraph three of the "Possum Hair String" card could possibly be worded so that it does not suggest that all Aboriginal men are either predominantly right handed or ambidexterous.

The paper used for the making of the wall charts is of exceptionally high quality, however, this may have been sacrificed to allow money for coloured illustrations which would capture the attention of the pupils.

There also seems to be a horizontal line missing on the Marsupials chart. The Dreaming stories which have been selected should appeal to a wide range of children. However, they are not acknowledged specifically enough.

Generally the kit is well worthwhile having in your classroom.

Primary/Upper Primary/Secondary

Highly recommended.