

YEAR 3, ACTIVITY 2

LOCAL DREAMTIME STORIES

Part 1

Read the following Wulgurukaba story and then draw and colour the carpet snake onto the map provided.

The Wulgurukaba people call their country Currumbilbarra. Wulgurukaba means “canoe people”. An important symbol for the Wulgurukaba people is the carpet snake. The story tells of the creation snake that comes down from the Herbert River (Ingham area), went out to sea creating the Hinchinbrook channel and down to Palm and Magnetic Island. His body broke up leaving parts along the coast. The tail of the snake is at Halifax Bay; his body is at Palm Island; and his head rests at Arcadia on Magnetic Island.

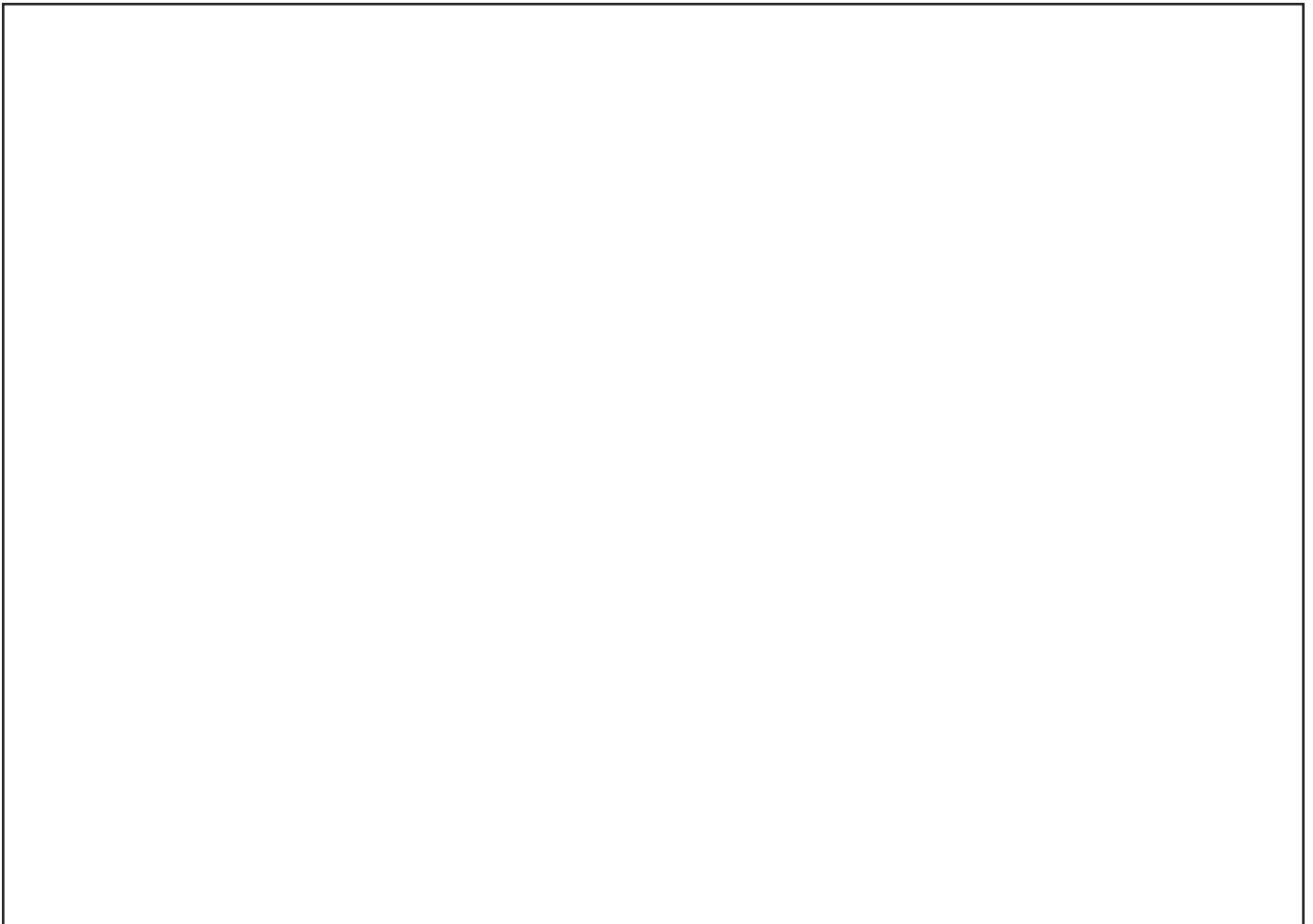
Part 2

Read the following Bindal story and then colour a picture which depicts this story in the space below.

The Bindal people call their country Thul Garrie Waja. An important symbol for the Bindal people is the shooting star. They believe that wherever the star fell or the direction in which the star fell signalled that either danger was coming from that direction or someone in that direction was in need of help.

In 1846, twenty years before Townsville became a city, a group of Europeans were shipwrecked and some survivors landed on Cape Cleveland. After fourteen days on the shore they were found by local Aborigines. This is what James Morrill, one of the ship-wrecked said occurred in his journal:

After we had been fourteen days on the shore we were seen by some of the natives. It appeared that for several nights they had observed falling stars in one particular direction—the direction of the rocks on which we were. They also it afterwards appeared have a kind of superstition in reference to falling stars, they think that they point out the direction of a hostile tribe. Something however more than usual possessed the minds of these Aborigines and they bent their steps in the direction the stars fell.



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