

YEAR 4, ACTIVITY 1

MORRILL'S STORY

Part 1

Read the digital copy of this text through our CityLibraries Local History collection.

After reading the passage fill out a Y-chart to establish what the encounter between Morrill and his fellow shipwreck survivors and the local Aboriginals looked, felt, and sound like.

Part 2

1. How would you describe the relationship between Morrill and Aboriginal Australians? What aspects of the story made you think this way?

2. Fill in the following table. In the first column is an item or tradition introduced by Europeans mentioned in the story. In the middle column you are to re-write the sentence/s which mention these items. In the final column you are to describe the impact of these introduced items or way of life on the Aboriginal Australians as depicted in the story.

	Sentence	Impact
Cattle		
Fences		
Sheep		
Guns		
Horses		

In the last paragraph of page 24, Morrill reflects on what should or could happen to Aboriginal Australians in the area.

From 'It will perhaps be pardonable in me' to 'But as the cold season is coming on, a good blanket would be invaluable, so would some small tomahawks, knives, old iron hoops and fishing hooks.'

3. After reading the passage from Morrill how do you think he felt about his time with Aboriginal Australians?

4. Complete another Y-chart on what it would have looked, felt and sounded like when Morrill left the tribe which had adopted him.

5. After reading the story of James Morrill, describe in your own words what the earliest interactions were like between European and Aboriginal Australians in the Townsville area.

YEAR 4, ACTIVITY 1

MORRILL'S STORY - Y-CHART

