

## Teacher Support Notes

### Recap

- What are sources? *Any written or non-written materials that can be used to investigate the past. A source becomes 'evidence' when it is used to support or refute a viewpoint or contributes to an historical inquiry. – Evidence: The information contained within a source that tends to support an historical argument or provides information for a specific historical inquiry.*
- What are primary sources? *Something that has been created or written during the time period being investigated e.g. diaries, letters, photographs, pottery, coins. Secondary sources: Accounts about the past that were created after the time being investigated, eg textbooks, histories written after the events being described*
- How do we know what happened in the ancient past? *Historians and archaeologists investigate history of ancient past through excavation and archival research*
- Aboriginal people didn't leave written records – how do we know about Australia's ancient past? *There are two types of sources that can be used to investigate Australia's ancient past: oral accounts and archaeological evidence.*
  - *Oral tradition: Spoken historical record. Does not operate on a timeline from oldest to most recent.*
  - *Archaeology: Sources of evidence include burial sites, middens, rock carvings, rock art and paintings, tools and fossils*