

## **Baranjuk Dance - By Cooper S**

**Learning Intention:** to explain how dance communicates meaning in different cultures.

### **Introduction:**

In this video clip, Uncle Wally Cooper, Yorta Yorta Elder, shows and tells the audience about Aboriginal culture and dance. Boys from the Yorta Yorta community perform as Uncle Wally Cooper talks and plays the accompaniment.

### **After viewing responses:**

#### **What do the feathers on the belt represent?**

They represent the animal. The white feathers represent the spirit and the yellow feathers represent the sun

#### **Why are these dances important to this culture?**

Its important for them to do their dances on their soil, their land.

#### **How did the young boys learn this dance?**

They learn by watching the elders

### **Going further responses:**

#### **Have you seen any Aboriginal dances before?**

Yes when we were at my grandmas house near port douglas and at the zoo near home

#### **What do you think the story is trying to teach us?**

The life of aboriginal people and cultures

#### **Can you make up your own story telling dance?**

yes i just made one up about hunting for a snake

#### **Do you think this way of story telling is effective?**

yes beacuses it is passed down to kids and their kids and their kids so it lasts for a long time

#### **What is he using to play the accompaniment?**

Sticks