**Arrival of early First Nations Australians**

**Reading Questions**

Read the web page below and answer the following questions:

<https://www.historyskills.com/classroom/year-7/first-nations-migrations-reading/>

1. Who were the first inhabitants of Australia?
2. Approximately how many years ago did the first humans arrive in Australia?
3. From which region did these early humans migrate to Australia?
4. What mode of transportation did they likely use to reach Australia?
5. What was the name of the ancient landmass that connected Australia, New Guinea, and Tasmania?
6. During which epoch did Sahul exist?
7. Why did sea levels drop during the Pleistocene epoch?
8. How did the lower sea levels affect early human migration?
9. Name two unique species that evolved in Sahul.
10. What happened to Sahul as the ice ages ended?
11. After arriving in Australia, where did the early Australians first settle?
12. How did the early Australians adapt to the coastal areas?
13. What are the stories shared by the early Australians known as?
14. What did the Dreamtime stories explain?
15. Who is the Rainbow Serpent in the Dreamtime stories?
16. What did Tiddalik the frog do in one of the Dreamtime stories?

**Paragraph Writing**

Based upon what you learnt in your reading, answer the following question in a single paragraph:

*How did the changing global climate impact the migration patterns of the early First Nations Australians?*