**First Nations and the Environment**

**Reading Questions**

Read the web page below and answer the following questions:

[How the First Nations Peoples of Australia adapted to an ever-changing environment - History Skills](https://www.historyskills.com/classroom/year-7/first-nations-environment-reading/)

1. How long had First Nations Australians been living in harmony with the land before the arrival of European settlers?
2. What did their deep connection to the environment allow them to do?

1. What significant environmental change occurred between 18,000 and 7,000 years ago?
2. What happened as the ice caps melted?
3. What did the rising sea levels cause to disappear?
4. How did the Torres Strait Islands form?
5. What did these environmental changes result in for communities?
6. How were memories of these events preserved?
7. What happened to places like Lake Mungo over time?
8. Did First Nations Australians abandon arid areas like Lake Mungo?
9. When did First Nations Australians return to places like the Willandra Lakes?
10. What was the Pleistocene epoch notable for in Australia?
11. Why did First Nations Australians need to develop strategies for sustainable hunting?
12. Name two examples of the megafauna that existed in Australia.
13. How tall was the giant kangaroo, Procoptodon?
14. What was the Megalania?
15. When did the megafauna go extinct?

**Paragraph Writing**

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

*How did the environmental challenges faced by First Nations Australians shape their cultural practices, traditions, and understanding of the land?*