



Short Version **FIRST CONTACTS**

Middens, Mangroves and Mudflats

Investigation Sheets

In the Park at Godwin Beach

Discovering Moreton Bay - past and present

1. Look at **Moreton Bay**. It is a big area of water.

To the east of the bay there is a long island.

(The compass in the map shows east.)

What is the name of the long island?

2. Why was **Moreton Bay** flooded by the ocean?



On your walk in Godwin Beach Environmental Reserve

What was daily life like for Aboriginal people?

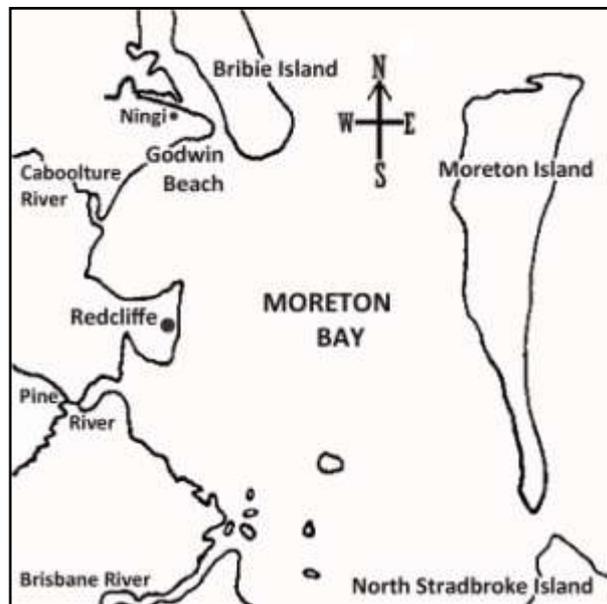
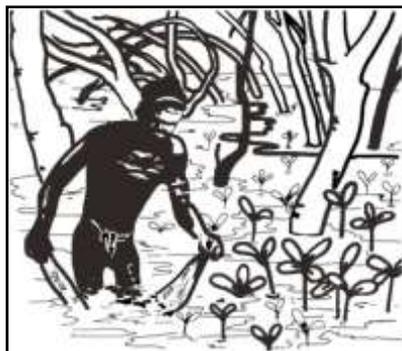
3. The coastline has lots of **mangroves** and **mudflats**. They may be muddy and smelly but they are full of life. Aboriginal people collected lots of food there.

List three things they found there.

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

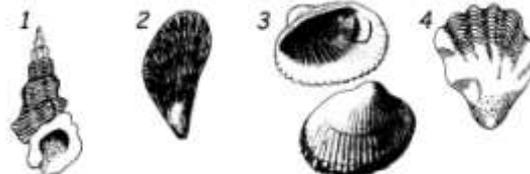


4. When Aboriginal people lived here they left behind rubbish such as these shells. →

Write their names on the lines under them.

You will see some in the sand along the track.

Collections of shells like these are called **middens**.



1 _____ 3 _____

2 _____ 4 _____



Your walk in Godwin Beach Environmental Reserve (continued)

What was daily life like for Aboriginal men and women?

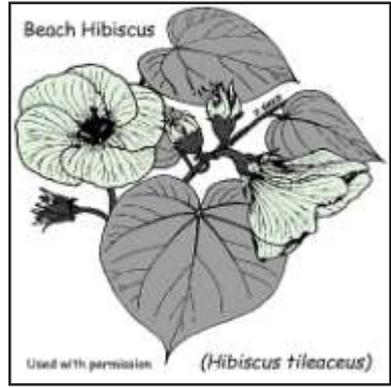
5. Aboriginal men hunted and fished for other foods.
Write the names of three animals they caught.

- a) _____
- b) _____
- c) _____

6. Aboriginal women collected foods like the shellfish on page 1.
Name some other foods collected by the women.

- a) _____
- b) _____
- c) _____

7. Along the track there is a common Queensland beach tree, the **Beach Hibiscus**. (See above)
What did Aboriginal people use this tree for? a) _____ b) _____



What happened to local Aboriginal people when explorers and settlers came here?

8. Here, first contact with the explorers happened on **Bribie Island**.
Shots were fired when some Aborigines tried to take a hat.
How do we know about this conflict? _____



9. Later when settlers came, the daily lives of the Aboriginal people changed.
Some settlers treated Aboriginal people very badly and many were killed.
How you would feel if some of your friends were killed by invading settlers?

On your walk to the Toorbul Point Fish Trap (tides permitting)

What was life like for Aboriginal people?

10. This fish trap was built at **Toorbul Point**.
What is it made of? _____



11. What are some of the fish they would have caught in this trap?
a) _____ b) _____ c) _____

On your visit to the Toorbul Point Bora Ring (time permitting)

What was life like for young Aboriginal people?

12. Pretend you are a young person going down the track (Sacred Way),
for an initiation. Imagine your thoughts as you go to become a **Kippa**.
What would you be thinking about?



13. At what age were boys initiated? about 12-15 yrs about 18 yrs