



Yellow Water Billabong, NT

The Great NT Water Story **Student Storybook**

PowerWater



Hello Northern Territory students!

Congratulations, you are taking part in a truly special learning experience.

For us Territorians, water is the essential ingredient to every aspect of life. Water has shaped the unique landscape and the culture of the Northern Territory for hundreds of thousands of years and continues to be a vital natural resource in everyday life.

However, did you know that on average, Territorians use around twice the water per person than the rest of Australia? This is not sustainable for our future, but you can be part of the solution.

This e-book will allow you to develop your own personal water storybook. You will explore how water has shaped the lives of the people in your community traditionally through to the present day, how you use and enjoy water today and make a commitment to the future in the form of a pledge.

Your teacher will help you work through each stage of the e-book and we encourage you to be very creative with your responses.

Student name:

School:

Class:

Chapter 1

Traditional culture

In traditional culture, all people understood the importance of water. Water was, and is, the core ingredient of life. We use it every day and in many ways. People understood water was 'the heart of our culture'. Water was, and is, the core ingredient for life. We use it everyday and in every way.

How do you use water everyday?

We use it for:



Chapter 1

Traditional culture

How did water shape traditional culture in your area?

Long before you could simply turn on the tap or flush the toilet, people understood the importance of water.

I live in:

This is the traditional land of which people?

The local word for water is:

People have lived in the Northern Territory for over 60,000 years.

People in my area understood the importance of water. This was demonstrated by:



Giddy River, NT

Chapter 2

The present

A lot of things have changed since times in the past, but the thing that remains the same is the importance of water as the heart of our culture.

In your area, where does your water come from?

These days we get our water from:

The process of getting the water 'cloud to cup' is a very interesting one.

In my local area, the water makes its way to my cup by...

What are my best memories involving water?

In my life, some of my best memories that revolve around water are:

Your pledge

I believe we all have a responsibility to the land and the people in the future to protect our precious water.

I am committed to doing my bit to help our people in the Northern Territory to become water smart.

What can I do to help make my area water smart?

I pledge to:

I will try to influence those around me to be water smart by:



Kings Canyon, NT



Glen Helen Gorge, NT

Chapter 4

Art space



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