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## **THREE WESTERN AND CENTRAL AUSTRALIAN ABORIGINAL THROWING STICKS**

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ONE WITH INCISED DESIGNS

19 TH CENTURY

SIZES : A 61 CMLONG – 24 INS LONG

B 60 CMLONG – 23¾ INS LONG

C 55 CMLONG – 21¾ INS LONG

## **LITERATURE**

MUCH OF THE ABORIGINES TIME WAS SPENT ON SEARCHING FOR FOOD , THE MEN HUNTING ANIMAL LIFE WHILE THE WOMEN DUG FOR ROOTS AND GRUBS . A GREAT DEAL OF WORK WENT INTO THE MAKING OF WOODEN CLUBS , SPEARS AND THROWING STICKS , SHIELDS , SPEAR THROWERS , FLINT TOOLS AND POLISHED STONE AXES . ALL OF WHICH WERE MADE FROM NATURALLY OCCURRING MATERIALS .

THESE STICKS OFTEN HAD A DUAL PURPOSE BEING USED FOR DIGGING AS WELL AS FOR THROWING AT SMALL GAME AND BIRDS . WATER WAS OFTEN A DIFFICULT COMMODITY TO OBTAIN IN CENTRAL AUSTRALIA AND SOMETIMES IT COULD BE FOUND IN THE FROG ( CHEIROLEPTES PLATYCEPHALUS ) WHICH WAS ACCUSTOMED TO FILL UP WITH WATER AND THEN BURY ITSELF IN THE MUD . IT WOULD BE DUG OUT WITH STICKS SUCH AS THESE AND SQUEEZED DRY .