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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 – 23³/₄ INS LONG

C 55 CMLONG – 21³/₄ 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 .