

SOMEBODY'S LAND

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✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				

Writing	
Ideas	✓
Organisation	✓
Voice	✓
Word Choice	✓
Sentence Fluency	✓
Conventions	
Presentation	



Reading	
Determining Importance	
Inferring	
Making Connections	✓
Predicting	
Questioning	✓
Summarising & Synthesising	
Visualising	

Somebody's Land was written by Adam Goodes with Ellie Laing and illustrated by Adam Hardy. It is a book that aims to spark conversations with children about why we should acknowledge country. It shares the history of Aboriginal people in Australia and highlights their thousands-of-years-long existence on the land now called Australia.

Writing

IDEAS- The focus of this book is tight and narrow. It aims to make the point that Aboriginal people have lived on the land for thousands of years. It also aims to share some knowledge of the practices these people engaged in before the white people came. Because the focus is so narrow, the authors have been able to add useful and specific details to build the reader's understanding. **SENTENCE FLUENCY:** the authors have used repetition to make a point across this text. Speak to your students about the impact of this on the reader. Why do you think they chose to start and end every page in the same way? When is this repetition useful? When is it not? **WORD CHOICE:** There are a range of tier 2 verbs that would be great for a vocab study: designed, sharpened, spied, hunted, gathered. It also contains specific nouns that show the writers' knowledge about the topic. E.g. Terra Nullius, Dreaming, bush tucker.

Reading

This book would be a great discussion starter for talking about the importance of acknowledging country (and why such an acknowledgement should never be reduced to a meaningless 'housekeeping' item). **QUESTIONING:** Why do you think the authors wrote this book? What do you think they wanted the reader to think, do or feel at the end? What evidence do you have for this? What does it mean that the land was, is and always will be Aboriginal Land?

NOTE: See the website WelcomeToOurCountry.com.au for more teaching ideas for this book.