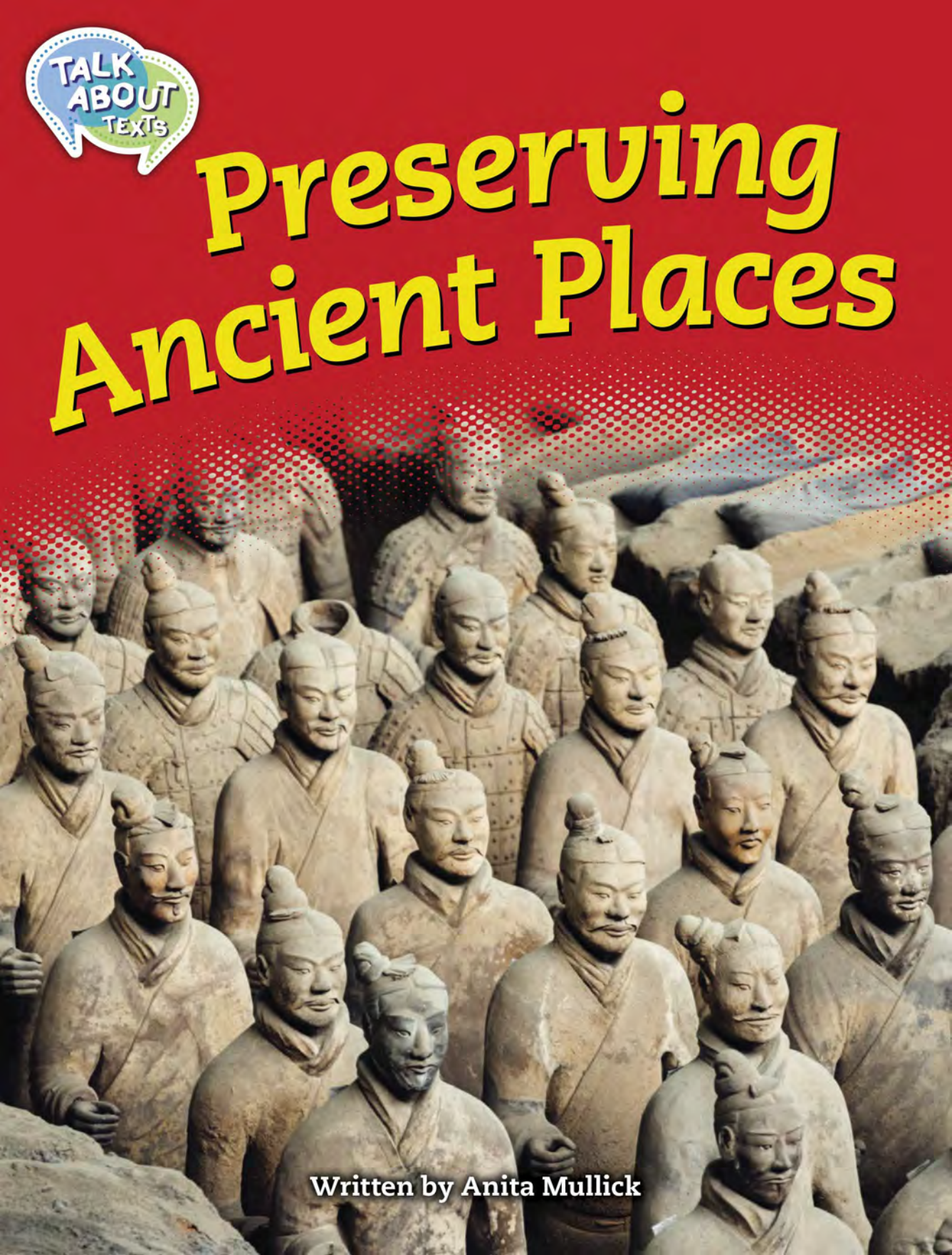
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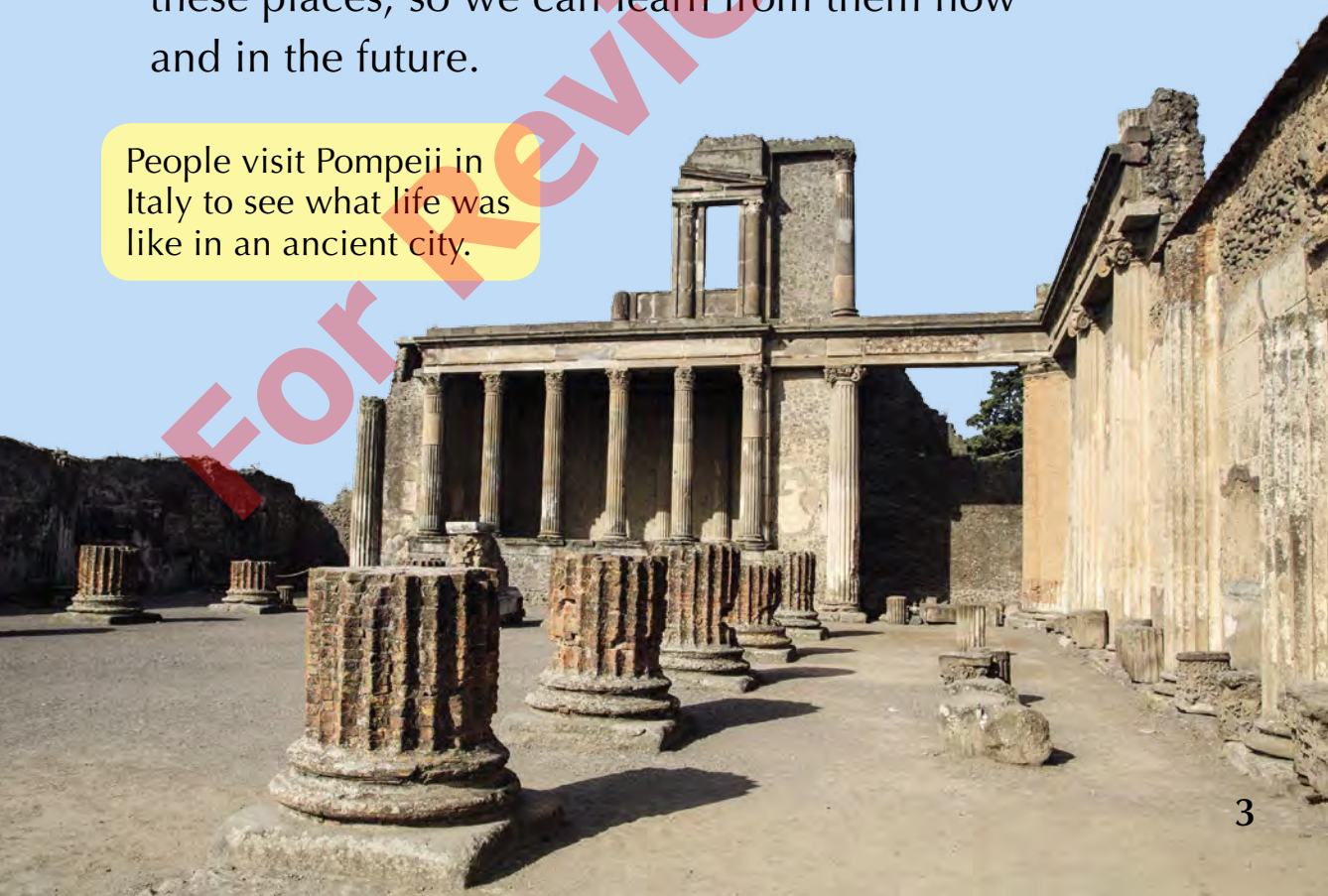
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# Amazing Ancient Places

There are many amazing **ancient** places that give us important clues about life in the past.

The Kimberley in Australia has very old rock paintings. In China, there is an army of lifelike statues. In Italy, there is a perfectly **preserved** ancient city.

These places tell us about the lives and **culture** of the people who lived there. We need to look after these places, so we can learn from them now and in the future.

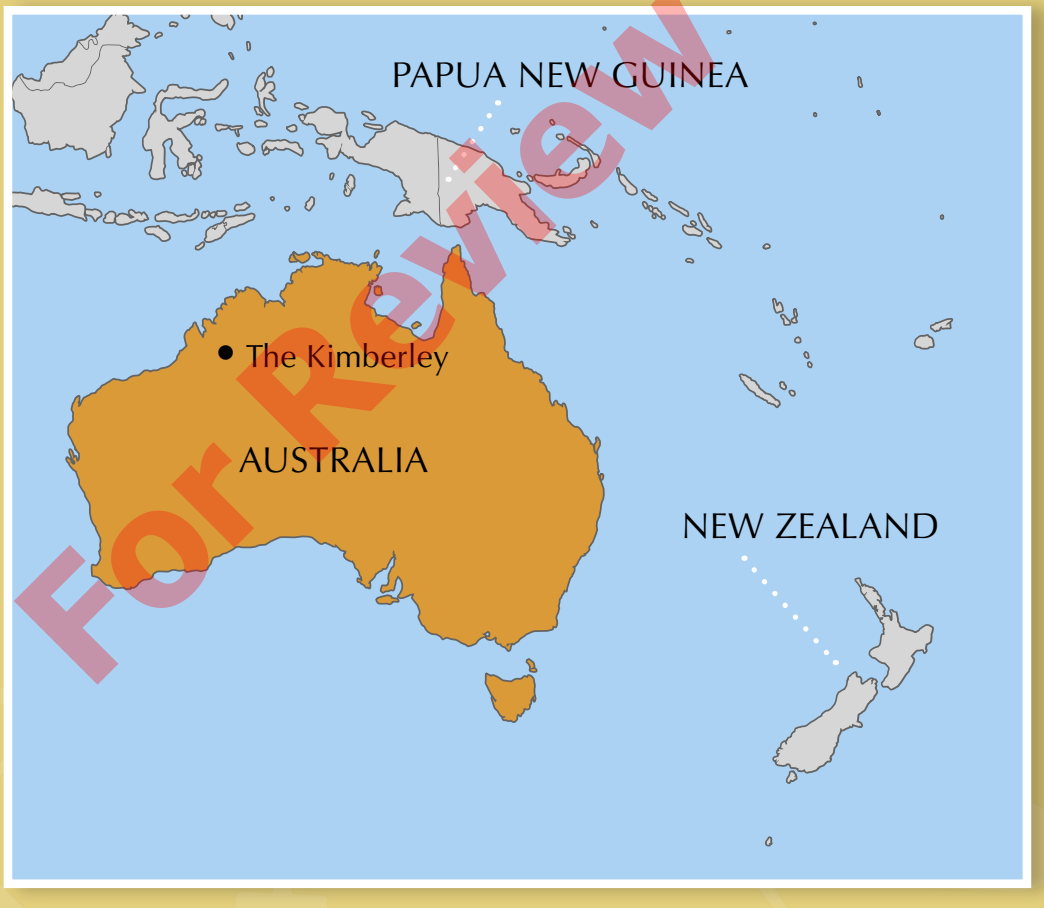


People visit Pompeii in Italy to see what life was like in an ancient city.

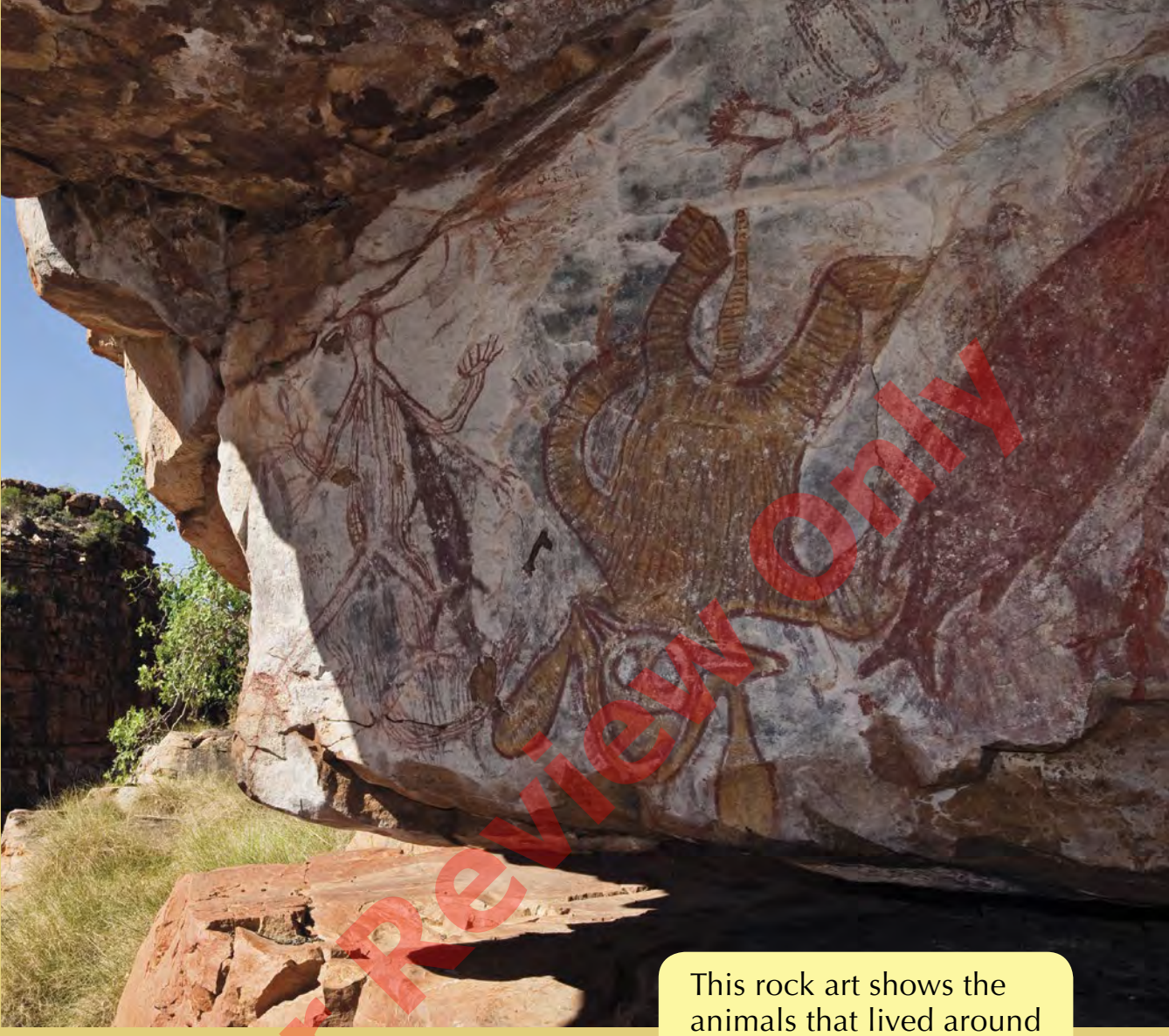
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# The Kimberley, Australia: Ancient Rock Paintings

Australia's Kimberley area has some incredible rocky areas. One is the Bungle Bungle Range, which has huge beehive-shaped rocks. Some rocks in the Kimberley are painted with ancient art.




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This rock art shows the animals that lived around the nearby Charnley River.

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## An Ancient Art Gallery

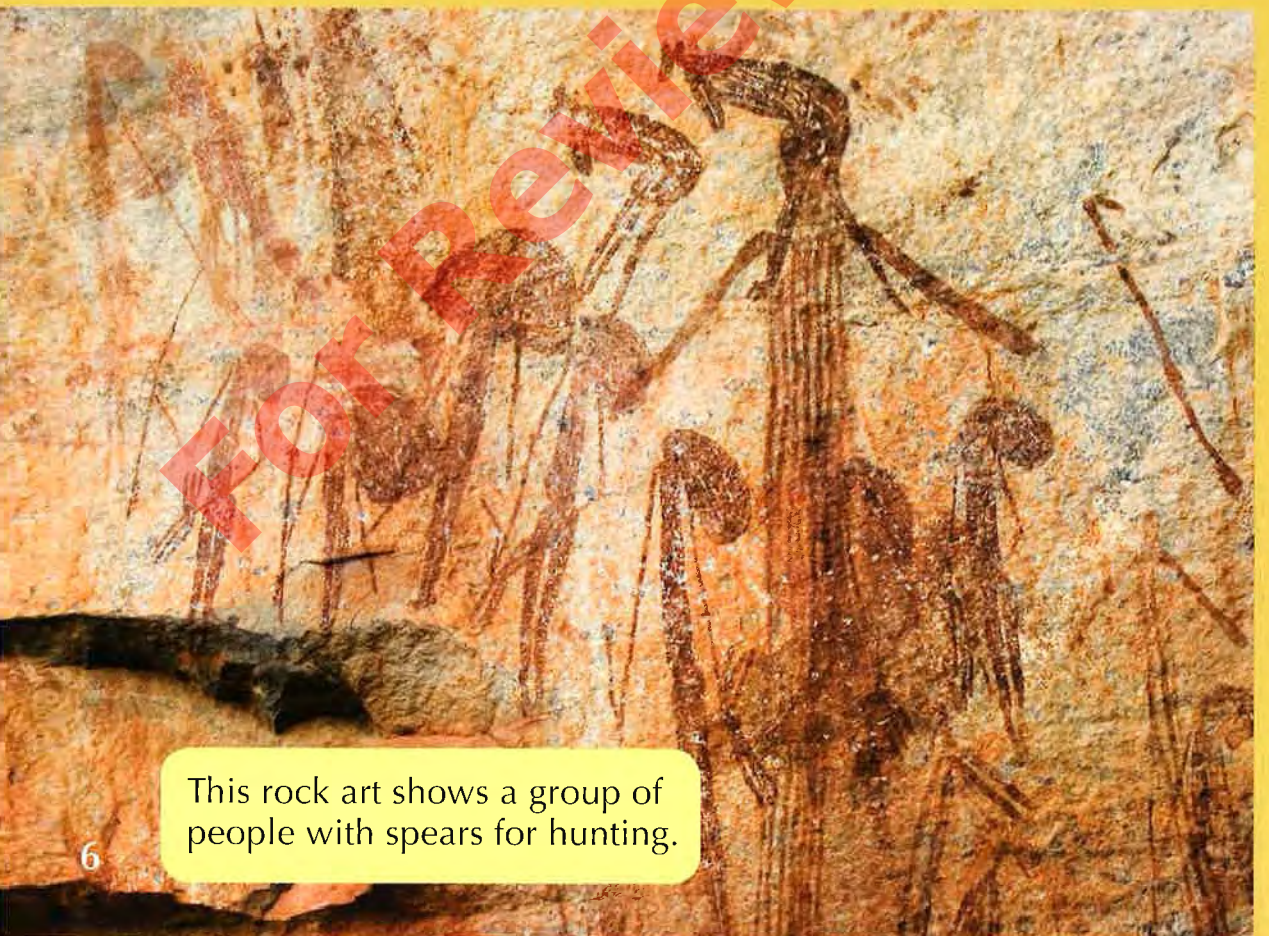
There are many rock paintings in the Kimberley. Local Aboriginal people painted them at different times. **Archaeologists** think the oldest ones could be 50 000 years old!

## Stories on the Rocks

The oldest rock paintings show animals, plants and people.

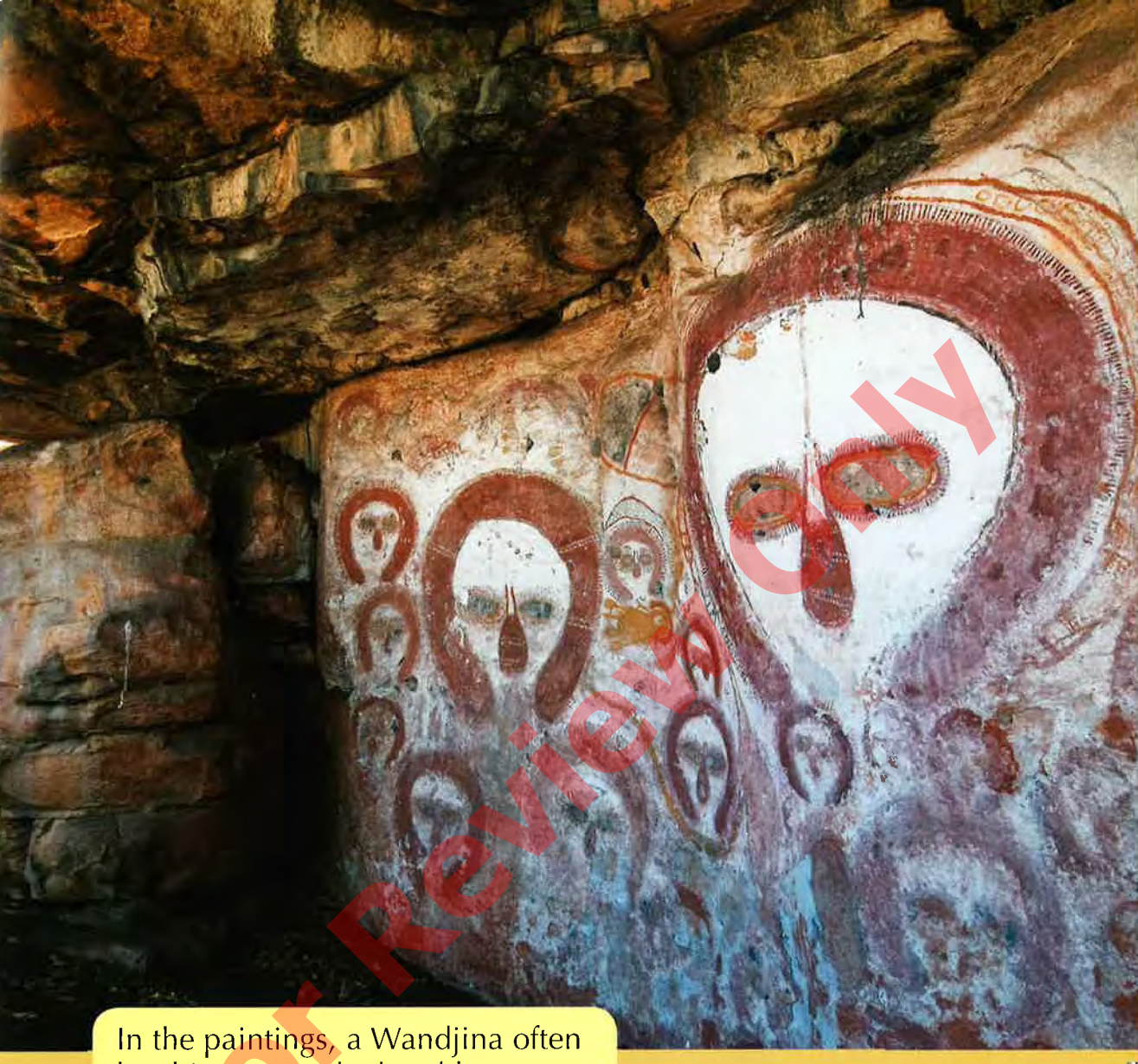
The paintings of plants and animals tell us about the plants and animals that lived there in the past.

The paintings of people show the clothes, weapons and tools of the time. This helps us to understand more about the people who lived in this ancient place.



This rock art shows a group of people with spears for hunting.

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In the paintings, a Wandjina often has big eyes and a headdress.

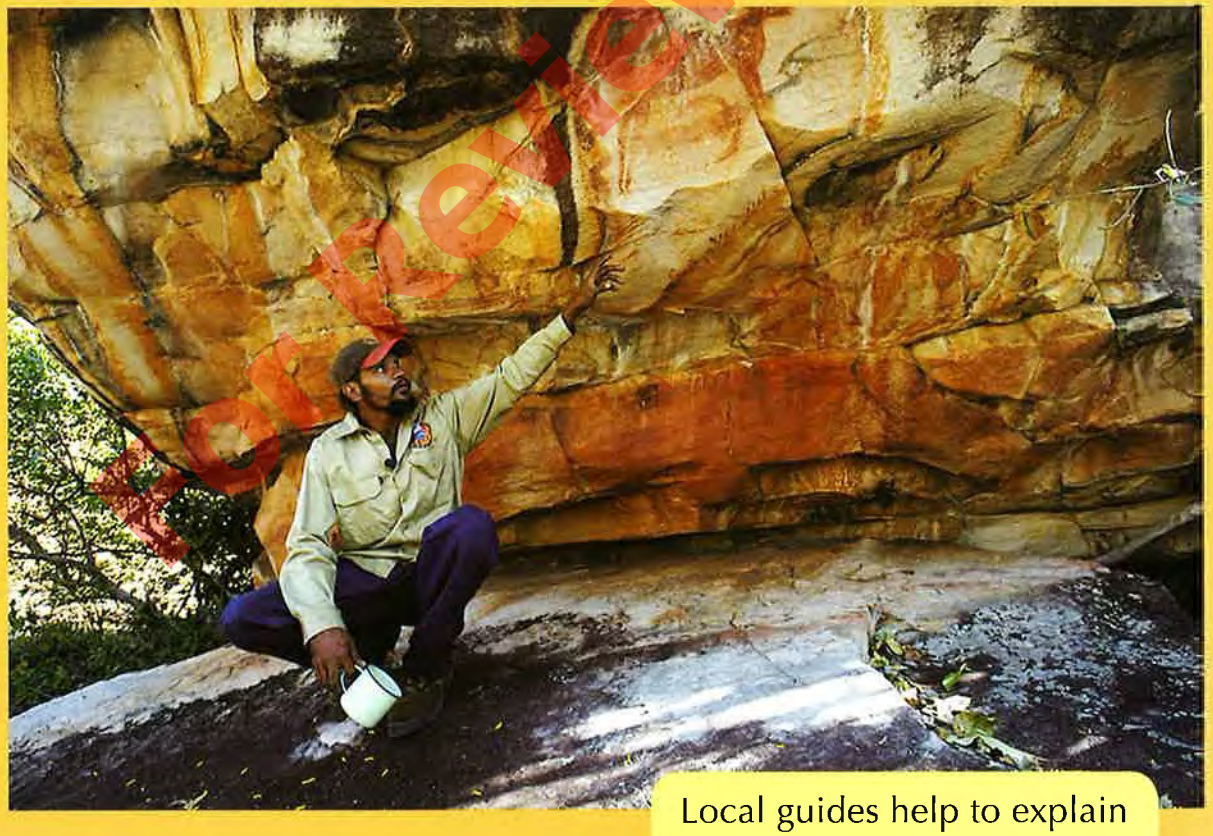
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Some newer rock paintings show **spiritual** beings called Wandjina (*wun-jin-uh*). The people of the Kimberley believe the Wandjina created the land and the living things on it.

## Ancient Snapshots of History

The rock paintings tell us about the lives and culture of the people. They give us clues about their spiritual beliefs. They also show us the plants and animals that lived long ago in the Kimberley.

These paintings are some of the oldest records of humans. They are also important to the Aboriginal people of the Kimberley today. They must be preserved.



Local guides help to explain the rock art to tourists.

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