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Class: _____

Great Barrier Reef: Who Owns the Reef?

Many different activities occur within the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park. All of these activities have to be controlled to ensure the reef is cared for properly. Divide the class into groups—each one has to represent a different interest group of the reef. With your direction, ask each group to research their use of the reef (starting points have been given). Each group will then present their needs to the rest of the class. Once they have completed their presentations, explain the work of the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority and their efforts to zone the park and control its use to suit all involved (see www.gbrmpa.gov.au).

Aboriginal and Islander Communities

- Traditional customs
- Eggs, birds, fish and turtles are main sources of diet
- Burial grounds in the ocean

Tourist

- Want to experience the beauty of the reef
- Bring money to the region

Fisherman

- It's your job
- Bring money to the region

Turtle

- It's your home
- Rubbish and fishing nets left by humans can kill you

