Introduction

There has been much discussion in the past few years on the news and in the newspapers about whether the Australian Government should make a formal apology to the Indigenous people of Australia for the Government policies of the past which have affected them. Finally, in 2008 this did happen.

But for the purpose of this assignment, pretend that the year is 2007 and no apology has been made yet.

The Prime Minister has requested a group be appointed to help advise himself and other central community representatives on how Australian people view saying "Sorry" to the Aboriginal People.

Process:

You have been appointed to that Advisors group, your job will be to report back to the Prime minister with your findings.

Use the following three resources along with any other resources you can find to answer the following questions in a letter to the Prime minister.

**Print your letter by the end of the period and turn it in.**

<http://library.thinkquest.org/28994/abhistory.html>

<http://www.time.com/time/magazine/article/0,9171,998067-1,00.html>

<http://reconciliaction.org.au/nsw/education-kit/stolen-generations/>

1. What is the brief history of when aboriginal people and westerners began interacting in Australia?
2. What negative things did white Australians do to the Aboriginal people during these early times and through the mid 1900’s?
3. What is the “stolen generation”?
4. Explain the how being part of the stolen generation can affect you throughout your entire life.
5. How is the country of Australia still feeling the impact of the negative treatment of the Aboriginal people?
6. Explain to the prime minister the reasons why an official apology needs to be made.