



Taylor Cooper and Witjiti George

Piltati and Malara: A story of love and war

This is a collaborative artwork; two artists painted on the same canvas. Both artists painted part of the canvas with a story from their Country. Witjiti's story is from his place Piltati: this is a love story. This place is part of the **Wanampi Tjukurpa** (Water Snake Story).

Taylor's story is of war, his story is **Malara**. It also has a **wanampi** (water snake) in it. This story about a big fight – **kujaṯa winki kujaṯa winki mulapa** (many, many spears flying around in that fight).

The stories take place in areas that are very far apart; Witjiti's being near Nyapari in South Australia and Taylor's is over the Western Australian border. However they have painted them together as they are very important stories to the **Anangu** people and they wanted to make sure they were painted for the next generation.

- ▶ **DRAW** a map of the area you live in – ask a family member to help you create the image together. What symbols will you use to represent different landmarks and places near your home?