

# Alma Thorpe: Elder and role model

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Watch the following classroom clip on the legacy of Elder Alma Thorpe and the impact of her social activism on the women in her life (interviewed by *Living Black* reporter and Alma's granddaughter, Nakari Thorpe). Then complete the following activities.

## WATCH

Watch the SBS Learn classroom clip on Alma Thorpe and then complete the activities below.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- How has the work of Alma Thorpe influenced her granddaughter Lidia Thorpe?
- How does granddaughter Arika Waulu continue her grandmother's legacy?
- What definition is provided by Marjorie Thorpe about role models?
- In what way has Alma Thorpe's tireless work influenced her family and their values?

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## THINK/PAIR/SHARE

- This episode was created to celebrate NAIDOC 2018's theme **Because of her we can**. What do you think the theme means?
- Who are some strong women in your life? What impact have they had on you?



## RESEARCH ACTIVITY

Research the impact of Alma Thorpe on her community. Describe her legacy and its impact on her family and the wider community. Using this research, create a poster for the classroom outlining and celebrating Alma Thorpe's achievements.



## DID YOU KNOW?

- Alma Thorpe is a Gunditjmara woman, from southwestern Victoria who helped create the Victorian Aboriginal Health Services, an Aboriginal-led community service that provides medical, dental and social care.
- Matriarchal means when a woman is at the head of a family unit.

 

Head to [SBS On Demand](#) for personal viewing of the full episode *Season 26 Episode 3: Strong Women – Alma Thorpe*. For classroom viewing of whole episodes, please visit [ClickView](#), or your school's resource centre (for example [Wingaru](#), Informit etc). Teachers are encouraged to view the full episode to decide whether it is appropriate viewing for their class.