

Prehistoric Medicine

I. Give 2 examples of supernatural and natural medicine

Natural prehistoric medicine	Supernatural prehistoric medicine

2. What 3 things can we find out about Prehistoric medicine from this source?



GOOD WIZARD OF THE KAKADU TRIBE SUCKING EVIL MAGIC FROM A SICK MAN

All maladies are thought by the aborigines to be caused by hostile witchcraft, usually an invisible poison bone or stick, "sent" by an enemy. For curative treatment, the patient lies down, and a tribal wizard gazes fixedly at him, thus projecting unseen crystals of power into him. Then, stretched upon the sufferer, he massages him, and, with much effort, sucks the poison bone out of him, invisibly, bit by bit.

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3. Write add definitions for the following words

Word	Meaning
Hunter Gatherers	
Nomadic	
Supernatural	
Natural	
Amulet	
Medicine Man	
Trephinning	
Aboriginal	
Antiseptics	
Anaesthetics	

4. Fill in the gaps in the sentences below.

Some people believe that the move from _____ to _____ made human beings becoming more unhealthy. This is because once people settled diseases such as _____ spread more easily, Parasites such as _____ started to feed of humans and disease spread from _____.

However, some people believe that humans became more healthy once they stopped their _____ lifestyle. For example, once settled some people specialised in certain activities leading to _____, more farming meant more _____ to feed the population and life became easier physically meaning less broken bones and _____.

Gangrene
Farmers

Medicine men
Cattle

Worms
Nomadic

Food

Hunter Gatherers
Malaria