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Sample 2 Question 21(a)

Today, Indigenous people express their heritage, culture and identity through many different ways such as <sup>contemporary</sup> dance, fashion, films and more.

It is important that Indigenous people express their identity because it is this that gives others self determination and equality.

The Bangarra dance company significantly express their identity through the use of dance.

Bangarra dance company express their identity by educating people all over the world. They do this by telling the histories of Australia which took ~~place~~ <sup>place</sup> during and after colonisation.

They tell stories about colonisation, what happened during colonisation, how they were made to 'assimilate' into 'white' society and many more touching stories. This is so significant to their culture and identity because it not only

educates others, but lets other people know what happened when Europeans arrived. This makes the people that see the performances more acceptance of Indigenous people as they realise what they have been through and they are dependant on 'centre link' and government funding because the government made them dependant on them. A lot of Indigenous people do not have the education or knowledge to go out and get a proper job because they do not have an education. Which links to dropping out of school because they cannot understand the curriculum ~~being~~ <sup>being</sup> taught.

Many Indigenous people express their identity through art and film. Art is a major ~~the~~ <sup>way</sup> of expressing ones identity and they are able to do this by selling their works to Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians.

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This is a great thing to express their identity because some works are recorded and kept in galleries.

Galleries keep paintings to show non-Indigenous people how they express themselves and how they see themselves.

Expressing ~~the~~ indigenous identity is vital for their culture to keep thriving into today's society. By expressing their identity it educates other Australians and makes Australia less racist. ~~and~~ Less discrimination will take place because it educates others the real history of Australia.

By famous indigenous people expressing their identity is very important in maintaining their heritage and culture. It also gives other indigenous people self-determination. ~~and~~

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