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Sample 1 Question 13(b)

Some strategies targeted to improve Indigenous education have resulted in some being more effective than others, this can be effected by location, language, management & funding aspects. The participation of the Government and/or the community also plays a role in the effectiveness of education initiatives.

The Anangu Pitjantjatjara^{of NT} or APY lands ~~have~~ ~~been~~ were obviously affected by colonisation, however, ~~the~~ the effects were much more gradual, ~~the~~ which caused ~~resulted~~ ~~in~~ more than $\frac{4}{5}$ of Indigenous kids ~~not~~ to not attending schools. This resulted in the construction of the Amata school. With the Anangu people generally only speaking their own traditional language, this made another obstacle for their education, however, the training, and employment of bilingual teachers in the school have now created a sense of independence & willingness to learn. Since the construction of the school, the ~~kids~~ ~~have~~ yr2 students are reading at a yr3 level & continually rising. The seclusion of the APY lands prevents too much white influence & allows the community to address it's issues almost independantly. The ~~construction~~ success in the Amata school lead to ~~more~~ ~~construction~~ the construction of others

schools in remote areas of Aus, however, many of them, such as Warragul school in Northern SA, have seen very little changes ~~is~~ due to their mixed language usage & contact with white society. These ~~are~~ aspects lead to miscommunication with students, & outside influences such as alcohol & pornography - creating a difficult learning environment.

The Sami people of Norway have experienced almost symmetrically the same effects of colonisation, however, their government have been much more effective at closing the gap between non-Indigenous & Indigenous citizens.

The Norwegian Govt. set up a University dedicated to improving all aspects of culture within the Sami population, such as language, ceremonies & dances. This university led to the drastic improvement of educational statistics as well as cultural rejuvenation. This has been more successful than the Sami Education scholarship which only aided a single citizen - much like the Anangu scholarship experiencing the same results.

The outcomes of these initiatives are greatly effected by the location and involvement of government & community members, which prove more effective than those without.

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