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a) Today in the 21st century, Aboriginal people, despite years of deprivation, strive to express their identity in the Australian community. The Aboriginal identity is written in the lyrics of music, the spirit of sport and in the taste and texture of traditional Aboriginal cooking. The ways in which Aboriginal people express their heritage and identity can be viewed when referring to Geoffrey Gurrumul, Mark Olive and Anthony Mundeen.

Aboriginal culture and heritage is something all Australians should be extremely proud of, it runs through our soil, and when looking at musician Geoffrey Gurrumul, it played on CD's and radios all over the country and around the world. Despite the fact that young Aboriginal man, Gurrumul, is legally blind, he is still able to defy his disability and write, sing and produce his own music. Gurrumul's identity is expressed through his music when he sings in his traditional language, with the lyrics telling Dreaming stories, and stories of his childhood. Gurrumul's music has given a voice to all Australians, Indigenous and non-Indigenous, and is heard all over the world. Gurrumul is the finest example

of the Aboriginal spirit, that despite his many set backs, his identity will never be overshadowed.

The ways in which Mark Olive expresses his identity is through cooking. This varied alternate to music and sport is just as important to the Aboriginal identity, as Mark Olive expresses his culture through the making of traditional Aboriginal food, with traditional bush tucker. Mark Olive is a contemporary Aboriginal cook whose pride in his culture has allowed him to express his identity through cooking, with the whole of Australia watching.

If anything has expressed the Aboriginal identity, it is sport. Anthony Mundeen is a international boxer who takes his Aboriginal identity all over the world, to express his love and pride for his culture. Anthony expresses his identity with the use of the Aboriginal flag, to show the world where he truly comes from. Although receiving criticism from many, Mundeen continues to express his identity through sport.

Aboriginal people have been deprived of their heritage and identity, and due

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to the strength and spirit of those like  
Geoffrey Gurrumul, Mark Olive and Anthony  
Mundean, more and more Aboriginal Australians  
are standing up to express their identity  
in today's society.

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