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Find Your Way - PPP

Try this at home on a starry night

Our ancestors had to find their way about the world and they used the stars which, unlike the planets, take fixed paths across the sky. Unlike countries in the Northern Hemisphere, Australia does not have a Pole Star to work with.

Our ancestors took a straight line from half way between the Pointers to a very bright star called Archenar. Then they visually intersected that line by extending the long axis of the Southern Cross until both lines crossed. If you drop a line down to the horizon from this point this is the direction of south. Can you find south from your home?

