**Mungo Lady and Mungo Man**

In 1969 archaeologists unearthed the skeleton of an ancient person in the sand dunes of the desert at Lake Mungo in south-western NSW. Lake Mungo is a dry lake.

The skeleton had been burned, crushed and then burned again before being buried in a shallow grave near the fire.

Five years later they uncovered a complete skeleton, again of an ancient person. It had been laid out very carefully, and buried very formally. It is believed that Mungo Man is the world’s oldest ritualistic burial.

Mungo Lady and Mungo Man are perhaps the most important human remains ever found in Australia. Their discovery re-wrote the ancient story of this land and its people and sent shock-waves around the world.

**Examine the website** [**visitmungo.com.au/mungo-lady-mungo-man**](http://www.visitmungo.com.au/mungo-lady-mungo-man)

**Answer the following**

1. How old are Mungo Lady and Mungo Man? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. How do we know how old they are?

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1. Why were Mungo Lady and Mungo Man buried in these ways?

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