homes, prepared food in pots and pans, and traded goods outside of Australia. Some Europeans adopted customs from the Aborigines, such as food-gathering techniques, but most continued to live by European customs. Along with a different way of life, the Europeans carried new diseases, often infecting the Aborigines, who had no resistance to foreign illnesses. Thousands of Aborigines died and their population decreased. Many who survived were forced to abandon their land and move to areas that were governed by the European settlers. This limited their ability to live a traditional lifestyle. It