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Borneo

How were tattoos for the Iban traditionally used? What meaning do/did they hold?

To tell friend from foe. The type of tattoo showed what clan they belonged to and what skills they had. They also showed achievement.

What design do all Iban men wear? What does it mean?

Eggplant flower. Each petal is for patience. The spiral is their lifeline.

Benin, West Africa

Why/When do people undergo facial scarification?

Marks the start of childhood. Identification. Grounds the heritage in the tribe.

When/why do they undergo chest scarification? Why is it important?

Signifies becoming an adult. Without this they are not accepted into their tribe.

Why does Phillip's mother believe it is important for him to undergo facial scarification?

She believes it will please her ancestors spirits and protect Phillip from harm.

Norway

How do Western tattoos differ from those of the small-scale societies previously explored in the program?

They are more for individual expression. The art is more westernized and more for self appreciation.

How are they similar?

They demonstrate beauty, show accomplishments, and displays courage. They also are a visual of belonging to whatever it is that is tattooed on them, for example a symbol for a tribe.