

Oodgeroo Noonuccal Writer and Educator

Name / chosen name: _____

Oodgeroo Noonuccal · 1920–1993

Poetry, education and rights

Oodgeroo Noonuccal was an Aboriginal poet, educator and campaigner for Aboriginal rights. Her first poetry collection, *We Are Going*, was published in 1964 under the name Kath Walker. Writing was one way she communicated experiences and challenged unfair treatment. Later she used the name Oodgeroo Noonuccal. We can learn about her work from reliable records without copying her poems or inventing her words. One writer's work is not a description of every Aboriginal community.

1. What is one achievement described in the text?

2. Which detail supports your answer?

3. How does this contribution connect to a wider community or field?

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