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socially valued resources are  
~~lightly valued~~ such as land are  
lightly valued within society. Through  
technology, discrimination and  
socioeconomic status access to  
~~the~~ socially valued resources  
has been allowed.

Technology includes advancements  
in for example industrial goods such  
as the manufacturing of cars, as well  
as world information systems which  
broadcast information to most developed  
countries throughout the world. In  
Australia technology has been a  
rapid advancement on how ~~as~~ manual  
jobs are done, as well as technology  
has created many leisure activities, in  
Australia there are four television sets  
to every ten people. This slowing the  
rapid change in society, as it is through  
the media that stereotypes and prejudices



are created, perpetuated and broken down.

Discrimination is action taken ~~against~~ ~~grouping~~ on one group in society caused by prejudices and stereotyping.

Socioeconomic status is one's place in society, which section of the hierarchy do they belong?

Land is an important socially valued resource. The Aborigines in Australia were deprived of their land and denied that they were the first civilisation in Australia. ~~With~~ With the white invasion, the Anglo-Saxons used discrimination and technology to exterminate the Aborigines, this then led to protection where by the whites wanted to protect the whites from being from the Aborigines and the Aborigines were placed in missionaries and wanted to



die. This in turn in the latter generations made Aboriginal people socially unacceptable and they were deprived employment, housing and a proper health system, therefore they had a very low socio-economic status.

As the Europeans had attained Australia they brought technology over with them such as guns and knives, this differing to the Aborigines spears. Due to the Europeans ~~not~~ holding ethnocentric views, they were able to implement power and authority through such agents as technology.

The Aborigines have been discriminated against, due to the land. 'The Freedom Riders' which took place in the 1960s tried to minimise discrimination in rural areas of Australia.

With the Native Title Act in 1993 the Aborigines were allowed to claim land that once



was true. ~~Therefore their socioeconomic~~  
Over time their socioeconomic status has  
remained relatively low but through  
educational schemes such as Abstudy  
~~it~~ it is becoming higher.

Living in rural area of Australia  
I have experienced many of the prejudices,  
stereotypes and discrimination that  
occur in rural areas. Living in the  
country my parents must pay to  
send me away to boarding school  
and university so that I gain a  
good education, therefore their  
socioeconomic status is lower than  
what someone would be living in  
the city.

Over time country students have  
been able to gain access to technology  
but again this resource is not always  
accessible, for example some parts  
of rural Australia do not get mobile



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phone reception, this socially valued resource of 'decent' phone lines in the city is muchly taken for granted.

An example of discrimination in rural Australia is - the drought, many rural people have been affected by this that their socio economic status has lowered, the government with the authority discriminates against this by not giving special funding to the farmers, although <sup>funding</sup> it is now becoming more accessible it once wasn't in times of need.

Through technology, discrimination and socioeconomic status access to socially valued resources can be achieved.