

## Interpreting Evidence from Pictures

Rock paintings are an important source of evidence. Many archaeologists believe that rock paintings were religious paintings which were painted by the San during a *trance dance*. The hunter-gatherers believed that somebody in a trance had special powers and could heal the sick and bring peace to the group. Look at these photos of rock painting and answer the questions that follow:



A



B



C



D

1. List the different kinds of animals you can see in the pictures.
2. What do YOU think the people in picture C are doing?
3. Rock paintings are important. Never touch them, throw water on them or write on them. Why should you never do any of these things to rock paintings?
4. Why do you think there are laws to protect rock paintings?
5. Discuss picture D in detail.
6. Which South African World Heritage Site is renowned for San rock art?
7. Design your own rock art showing a celebratory meal after a successful hunt. Use the template below to plan and then reproduce your design on an A4 sheet of paper.

