How to Make a Captain Cook Cupcake with Pink Frosting

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(In response to a statue of Captain Cook being covered in pink paint in protest to changing the date of Australia Day, held on January 26th when the first British settlers arrived, otherwise known as the day that the attempted genocide of the Aboriginal people began)

Take one replica statue of Captain Cook
Aged 104 years
Displayed in a public place
If you’re Koori,
Aborigine
Know Australia Day
As Invasion Day
As Genocide Day

Be a map
Marking the massacres
Uncharted rivers of blood
Be silenced
Be blackbirded
Be herded in shooting parties
Be shot
Be left to rot in reserves
Be absent so your land can be mined
Have your bones lined up
In foreign museum cases for Scientific enquiry
Be fired in your belly
Have your waters diverted
Your gods converted
Your babies stolen
Your lines broken

Be almost wiped out

Be multiple, complex and autonomous
Then be labelled homogenous

Be poor

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1 Professor Lyndal Ryan documented 150 previously unrecorded massacres on the West Coast of Australia alone. These massacres are defined as killings of defenseless people, with each incident involving between 6 and 60 or more victims. Of these 150 massacres, only 6 were mentioned in early historical records.
Die more
and before any other people
Be silenced

No more
Be creative
Be a maker
Take a pink can of frosting
Be the baker