Aotearoa New Zealand’s Histories in the New Zealand Curriculum

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Through the social sciences, students explore “how societies work and how they themselves can participate and take action as critical, informed, and responsible citizens” (The New Zealand Curriculum, page 17). Aotearoa New Zealand’s histories curriculum content supports this focus on critical citizenship – understanding the past to make sense of the present and to inform future decisions and actions. It focuses on stories of interactions across time that connect us to one another and to place.

There are three elements to the histories curriculum content: UNDERSTAND, KNOW, and DO. Teachers design learning experiences that weave these elements together so that student learning is deep and meaningful.

Understanding and interpreting stories about it thinking critically about the past and making ethical judgements concerning right and wrong.

National, rohe, and local contexts

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Whakapapa me te whanaungatanga
- This context focuses on how the past shapes who we are today – our familial links and bonds, our networks and connections, our sense of obligation, and the stories woven into our collective and diverse identities.

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Rohe and local contexts

- Rohe contexts as defined by iwi and hapū and guided by the question What stories do local iwi and hapū tell about their history in this rohe?
- Historical contexts relevant to local communities and guided by the question What stories are told about the people, events, and changes that have been important in this area?
- Contexts chosen by students when inquiring into the history of the rohe and local area

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The three big ideas for Aotearoa New Zealand’s histories don’t change across year levels. Rather, students gradually deepen their understanding of the ideas as their knowledge of national, rohe, and local contexts grows and as they develop their use of inquiry practices to think critically about the past. Teachers support this growth and development in their design of rich opportunities for learning.

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## Examples of questions to guide inquiry

### Migration and mobility
What do we know about the origins of Māori and their voyaging to Aotearoa New Zealand? Who were the great navigators? What other voyaging stories are there about coming to Aotearoa New Zealand?

### Migration and mobility
How and why did the ancestors of Māori navigate to Aotearoa New Zealand? What are the origin and settlement stories of particular groups who have moved to Aotearoa New Zealand? Why were some treated differently from others?

### Migration and mobility
What do hapū and iwi say about hapenga (their migration) within and from Aotearoa New Zealand, and the reasons for it? What has this meant for retaining identity as Māori?

### Identity
How and why have stereotypes of New Zealand identity changed over time? Who have these stereotypes included and excluded?

### International conflicts
How and why did people and groups contribute to or oppose international conflicts? How did participation and non-participation reflect dominant views about identity?

### Migration and mobility
How have government and public attitudes to migration and to particular migrant communities changed over time? How have Māori as Treaty partners been involved in decisions about migration policy? How have migrants understood and enacted their relationship with tangata whenua?

### Identity
How have social movements and social actions built or expressed contested views of identity?

### International conflicts
How and why has Aotearoa New Zealand’s participation in and response to international conflicts changed over time? What was the overall social and economic impact of different wars on Aotearoa New Zealand? What do we choose to remember and forget about our role in international wars?
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How did Māori name marae, hapū, iwi, and features of the landscape?  
How and why have some place names in Aotearoa New Zealand changed? | **Land, water, and resources**  
What adaptations did early Māori make to enable them to survive and thrive in a new environment? How did these differ across Aotearoa New Zealand?  
What different peoples came to Aotearoa New Zealand, and what were their experiences in adapting to a new environment?  
What was the engagement like between iwi and early newcomers, including those seeking resources? |
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How do the concepts of whakapapa, manaakitanga, mauri, and kaitiakitanga express Māori custodianship of the environment?  
How did Māori use of whenua, moana, and other taonga tuku iho change over time?  
How were the landscape, flora, and fauna transformed by Māori from the time of their arrival?  
How was the landscape transformed by European settlers? How did this reflect what they were familiar with from their homelands? What were the unintended consequences? |
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**Mana motuhake**  
How was the importance of mana expressed in relationships between iwi, and between iwi and missionaries?  
How was mana expressed in the responses of Moriori to challenges from other iwi and Pākehā? How is it evident in more recent Māori protest movements? |
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**Land, water, and resources**  
In what ways did iwi adapt their economic activities to capitalise on opportunities presented by Pākehā and the international economy? How did Pākehā react to this success?  
How did technological advancements and support from the state bolster the Pākehā economy in the late nineteenth century? What were the consequences for the Māori economy?  
What efforts have been made over time to conserve the land and its beauty? How has the state responded to campaigns and claims in relation to environmental degradation caused by economic activity (e.g., the Save Manapouri campaign, Waitangi Tribunal claims)? |
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**Mana motuhake**  
What were the causes of the Taranaki and Waikato wars? Where were they fought? Who was involved? How did they lead to iwi and hapū being alienated from their land? How was this alienation accelerated through law after the wars?  
What were the different responses of iwi and Pākehā to the wars and their consequences? How have the attacks on Rangiaowhia and Orākau been remembered? How did large-scale Crown purchases and accompanying unkept promises lead to deprivation for South Island iwi and hapū? |
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Key knowledge

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Many factors led to the development of the two major agreements between iwi and the British government – He Whakaputanga o te Rangatiratanga o Nu Tiren i | The Declaration of Independence and Te Tiriti o Waitangi | The Treaty of Waitangi. They came about because each party could see benefits, although the nature of these benefits differed.

It is clear that Māori did not cede their mana to the Crown, and that they signed in the belief that it would give them power to govern in partnership with the Governor.

The Kīngitanga was a significant example of pan-tribalism in response to the challenges of increasing immigration and constitutional change.

In the past, the government has selectively excluded and supported people through processes associated with voting rights and welfare provision. New Zealand political parties have had different views at different times about the role of the state in regulating people’s lives.

Aotearoa New Zealand relationships have changed over time, for diverse reasons and with different outcomes for different countries. Pacific states have secured different levels of independence, which impact on their rights to New Zealand citizenship, participation in international organisations, and agreements with other countries.

Examples of questions to guide inquiry

Te Tiriti o Waitangi

Why is February 6 called Waitangi Day?

What do we know about the people who were at Waitangi for the signing of the Treaty?

What were the circumstances and locations of the signings of Te Tiriti o Waitangi and the Treaty of Waitangi throughout Aotearoa New Zealand? Who was present and what was debated?

What agreements were made in He Whakaputanga o te Rangatiratanga o Nu Tiren i | The Declaration of Independence and Te Tiriti o Waitangi | The Treaty of Waitangi? What was motivating the parties to the agreements? What did those who signed understand?

Why did Māori then come to feel that the balance of power was changing to their disadvantage? How was the Kīngitanga a response to this for a number of iwi?

How and why has the right to vote changed since 1852 (the year voting rights were first established)?

What impact did the Great Depression have on communities? How did the first Labour Government’s welfare policies ease the impact and affect the lives of New Zealanders? Who benefited? Who missed out?

How did the processes by which the Cook Islands, Niue, and Tokelau became part of the Realm compare? How do independence arrangements between New Zealand and Pacific states vary and what are the implications of this?

How have Māori responded to redress injustices associated with Te Tiriti o Waitangi?

With reference to a Waitangi Tribunal district inquiry, what process was followed, what did the tribunal find, and what has been the outcome for the hapū and iwi involved?

How has the state responded over time to the actions of labour movements? What rights have different groups of women advocated for and why? In what ways have wāhine Māori and Pākehā women sought change to state policies?

What actions by people and groups have led to legislative change to address discrimination?

How did the actions of the New Zealand administration in Samoa and the Cook Islands reflect the colonial attitudes of the time? How did they impact cultural traditions? How did those impacted respond? How did people in Aotearoa New Zealand respond?

To what extent did the migration of large numbers of Pacific people to Aotearoa New Zealand after World War II reflect the country’s role in the Pacific as a colonising power? Why was Samoan citizenship of Aotearoa New Zealand revoked for a large proportion of the Samoan population?
# Thinking critically about the past and interpreting stories about it:

When exploring Aotearoa New Zealand’s histories as part of social science inquiries, students use three practices for thinking critically about the past and interpreting stories about it.

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Aotearoa New Zealand has a history of selective and discriminatory practices to control migration, with little negotiation with Māori as tangata whenua. Nineteenth-century immigration schemes were designed to create a British colony and consequently shifted the balance of power from Māori to settlers. Immigration policy has been used to exclude some peoples and to restrict conditions for entry and citizenship.

**Identity**

Contested ideas about identity have come from youth challenging social norms, and from social actions addressing injustices and societal divisions over values. Māori have communicated their distinctiveness through cultural practices that have sometimes been appropriated and used inappropriately.

**International conflicts**

Our attitudes towards and reasons for participation in international wars, and the impact they have had on our society, have changed over time. The ways that we have commemorated these conflicts have reflected these changing perspectives.

**Tūrangawaewae me te kaitiakitanga**

**Land, water, and resources**

There have been contested views about developing Aotearoa New Zealand and its economic resources. This is especially evidenced by our environmental history.

**Mana motuhake**

New Zealand’s settler government and the Crown were determined to undermine mana Māori, especially by acquiring Māori territories. The New Zealand Wars and the legislation that followed demonstrated their willingness to do this by any means.

**Tino rangatiratanga me te kāwanatanga**

**Te Tiriti o Waitangi**

In 1840, the Treaty promised to protect tribal rangatiratanga. By 1900, it had become the means of regaining what it had promised – rangatiratanga, mana motuhake, self-determination. It also underpinned iwi attempts to remedy injustice by working inside, alongside, and outside the Crown system.

The Waitangi Tribunal investigation process and subsequent settlements by the Crown have led to economic, political, social, and cultural growth for iwi. The settlements have also provided an opportunity for reconciliation.

**The state and the people**

When people and groups have campaigned on or asserted their human rights, it has forced the state to act. This has been evident in the actions of workers’ groups and organisations of women and of wāhine Māori. It has also been evident in law reform in relation to gender identity.

**The state and the Pacific**

Aotearoa New Zealand has acted in the Pacific in line with its own political, strategic, economic, and social interests. But its actions have also been an expression of whanaungatanga.