

Everyone pulled very hard until they pulled up the North Island of New Zealand.

Maui didn't want the gods to be angry with them for doing this and he moved away from his brothers to talk to the gods quietly. But while he was gone, his brothers began to argue over the island.

'It's mine!' one shouted.

'No, it's mine!' the other said.

They became so angry they began to hit the island. Hit, hit, hit – over and over again. As they hit, they made the mountains and volcanoes² of the North Island.

The Māori believe that the North Island looks like a fish, the South Island looks like Maui's waka and Stewart Island looks like the waka's anchor³.

ACTIVITIES

1 Match these facts from the Introduction with the numbers.

- 1 kilometres between New Zealand and Australia ☒ 6
 - 2 people in New Zealand ☐
 - 3 people in the United Kingdom ☐
 - 4 people under fifteen in New Zealand ☐
 - 5 people who live on the North Island ☐
 - 6 sheep in New Zealand ☐
- a almost 1,000,000
 - ~~b~~ 2,000
 - c 3,000,000
 - d 4,000,000
 - e 40,000,000
 - f 61,000,000

2 Use information from the Introduction to answer the questions.

- 1 What is the main language in New Zealand?
English.
- 2 What is the climate like there?
.....
- 3 What food is New Zealand famous for?
.....
- 4 What do the Māori people call New Zealand?
.....
- 5 When did people from Europe first come to New Zealand?
.....
- 6 What is the biggest business in New Zealand today?
.....

ACTIVITIES

1 Underline the correct answer to complete the definitions of these Māori words.

- 1 The moa is a
a boat b bird c tree
- 2 A hāngi is a place for
a meeting b carving c cooking
- 3 A wharenuī is a
a song b building c woodcarving
- 4 A moko is a
a tattoo b story c skirt
- 5 A piupiu is a
a skirt b tool c carving
- 6 A pari is a ... for women.
a tattoo b tool c top

2 Are the sentences true (T) or false (F)?

- 1 The Māori killed moa birds to give to the gods. ☒
- 2 For the Māori, stories about their gods' lives explain how the world began. ☐
- 3 The Māori only tell their stories through singing. ☐
- 4 The Māori wrote their stories. ☐
- 5 The Māori carved pictures on most things they used. ☐
- 6 Māori people do not have tattoos today. ☐

ACTIVITIES

- 1 Match the words in the box to the sentences.

kiwis (x4) kakapos (x4) whales (x2)

- 1 There are seventy thousand *kiwis* left in New Zealand.
- 2 There are under a hundred left.
- 3 can live for ninety years.
- 4 find food by smelling it.
- 5 are green and grey in colour.
- 6 Kaikoura is a good place to see
- 7 People ate in the past.
- 8 People from New Zealand have the same name:
- 9 are the heaviest of their kind in the world.
- 10 are the same size as a chicken.

- 2 Match the stories in the box, from the Introduction and Chapters 1 and 2, with the sentences.

Maui story (x2) Mataora story Tāne Mahuta story

- 1 There is a family fight in this story.
- 2 This story tells how New Zealand's birds became the way they are.
- 3 Three brothers help to make New Zealand.
Maui story
- 4 Someone learns to do something in this story.
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ACTIVITIES

- 1 Complete the sentences with the numbers in the box.

2,518	3,000	3,754
5,000,000	60	22 97

- About 60 percent of the South Island is made up of mountains.
- The temperature of the water at Huka Falls can get to degrees Celsius.
- The new path from Cape Reinga to Bluff will be kilometres long.
- New Zealand's mountains are about years old.
- Mount Cook is metres high.
- Mount Taranaki is metres high.
- The longest beach is kilometres long.

- 2 Match the two parts of the sentences about the Māori story on pages 24–5).

- Five mountains lived together ☒
 - Four of the mountains were male ☐
 - All the male mountains ☐
 - There was a fight about Pihanga ☐
- a and one of them was female.
b and the mountain Tongariro won.
c loved Pihanga, the female.
d in the centre of the North Island.

ACTIVITIES

- 1 Match the sentences with the words in the box.

rugby (x5)

cricket (x3)

- 1 It's the most important sport in New Zealand. *rugby*
- 2 The national team wants to win against Australia.
- 3 The national team wears black shorts and shirts.
- 4 This sport is played in summer in New Zealand.
- 5 This sport came to New Zealand in the 1860s.
- 6 Teams from different areas play in the National Provincial Championships.
- 7 The national team dances and shouts before a game.
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- 8 Teams from different areas play in the State Championship.
.....

- 2 Answer the questions about the Māori story on pages 32–3.

- 1 Who was Te Rauparaha?
.....
- 2 Why did he need to hide?
.....
- 3 What was unusual for Māori people about his hiding place?
.....
- 4 What did Te Rauparaha say to himself when he was hiding?
.....

ACTIVITIES

1 Underline the correct words in each sentence.

- 1 Bungee jumping first started in *New Zealand / the United Kingdom*.
- 2 A. J. Hackett's first bungee jump was from *the Eiffel Tower / a bridge in the United Kingdom*.
- 3 The highest bungee jump in New Zealand is on *Vanatua Island / the Nevis Highwire*.
- 4 The best place for white-water rafting in New Zealand is in *the Whanganui River / the Rangitata River*.
- 5 A kayak is a boat for *a group of people / one person*.

2 What do the underlined words refer to in these lines from the text?

the fall ~~jump from a bridge~~ the water
bungee jumping the Rangitata River

- 1 They were not allowed to do this (page 36)
jump from a bridge
- 2 it had to feel dangerous to be fun (page 36)
.....
- 3 it takes only eight and a half seconds (page 37)
.....
- 4 there are many different ways to have fun on it (page 39)
.....
- 5 the best place to go white-water rafting in New Zealand
(page 40)

ACTIVITIES

- 1 Complete the sentences with the names in the box.

Niki Carol Colin McCahon Peter Jackson
Dame Kiri Te Kanawa Katherine Mansfield (x2)
~~Flight of the Conchords~~ Keri Hulme

- 1 Flight of the Conchords are a group who sing funny songs.
- 2 is a half-Māori opera singer.
- 3 directed The Lord of the Rings films.
- 4 has a competition named after her.
- 5 is famous for her short stories.
- 6 made a film about a Māori girl and her grandfather.
- 7 used words in his pictures.
- 8 wrote a book called *The bone people*.

- 2 Match the characters in the box, from the Māori stories in Chapters 5 and 6, with the sentences.

Rona (x3) Pania (x3)

- 1 Pania gets married in secret.
- 2 is in love.
- 3 is often angry.
- 4 lives in water.
- 5 lives in a village next to a river.
- 6 argues with her husband.

ACTIVITIES

- 1 Complete the sentences with the cities in the box.

Wellington (x4) Auckland (x3) Christchurch (x2)

- 1 Wellington is the third-largest city in New Zealand.
- 2 Just under a third of New Zealanders live in
- 3 From, you can go skiing and surfing on the same day.
- 4 is called 'The Garden City'.
- 5 New Zealand's film studios are in
- 6 There are beaches on both sides of
- 7 There is an Arts Festival in every two years.
- 8 is a very windy city.
- 9 is the biggest city in New Zealand.

- 2 Put the sentences about the Māori story on pages 53–5 in order.

- 1 A big wave destroys the village. ☐
- 2 People want to learn from the priest again. ☐
- 3 The priest has a dream about something terrible that's going to happen. ☐
- 4 The priest is sad because people aren't interested in him any more. ☐
- 5 The priest tells the people in the village about his dream. ☐
- 6 Turi and his father visit the priest. ☐
- 7 Turi tells people to listen to the priest. ☐

ACTIVITIES

1 Are the sentences true (T) or false (F)?

- 1 Young people from New Zealand don't usually choose the United Kingdom for their Overseas Experience (OE). ☒ F
- 2 New Zealanders don't usually work during their OE. ☐
- 3 Kiwis also now go to South Korea and Japan for their OE. ☐
- 4 Every year 45,000 Kiwis decide to go and live in another country. ☐
- 5 One in seven New Zealanders lives in Australia. ☐
- 6 New Zealand's quietness is what makes some people want to live there. ☐

2 Answer the questions about the Māori story on pages 60–1.

- 1 How did Ueoneone feel when he first saw Reitu?
.....
- 2 What did the magic bird ask Reitu?
.....
- 3 What happened when the sisters touched the bird?
.....
- 4 How was Reipae left behind?
.....
- 5 Why couldn't Ueoneone send the magic bird back to get Reipae?
.....
- 6 How did the story end?
.....