

**2034 NANUKU SANGAM SCHOOL**  
**SOCIAL SCIENCE**  
**WORKSHEET 1**

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**YEAR 7**

**Strand: Time, Continuity and Change**

**Sub- Strand: Understanding The Past**

**CLO: Investigate 'colonization' in the Pacific, and its effects on the different countries in the Pacific**

**LESSON NOTES**

**Colonisation in the Pacific - New Zealand**

**Settlers**

- Polynesians settled in New Zealand about 1000 years ago.
- In 1840, the British and Maori signed the Treaty of Waitangi making New Zealand a British colony.
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**Location and Other Characteristics**

- The Maori name for New Zealand is **Aoteroa**.
- Has **two main islands**- the north Island ( Te ika a Maui) and the South Island( Te Waipounamu) and other smaller islands.
- It is located about 1500 kilometres (900 miles) east of Australia and about 1000 kilometres ( 600 miles ) south of the Pacific Island areas of New Caledonia, Fiji, and Tonga.
- It has varieties of biodiversity of animals, fungi, and plant life.
- New Zealand's capital city is Auckland.
- Auckland is its most populated city.

## **Population**

- 4.5 million of New Zealand's population is of European descent.
- About 13 % of New Zealand's population is New Zealand Maori; most of them live in the North Island.

## **Government**

- New Zealand is an independent sovereign nation.
- Queen Elizabeth II is the country's head of state and is represented by the Governor General.
- It has administrative responsibility for the Tokelau Islands and the ROSS Dependency in Antarctica

## **Questions**

1. What is the Maori name for New Zealand?

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2. Where is New Zealand located?

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3. Name few things that New Zealand is Famous for

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4. Name the capital city of NZ

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5. Who is the representative of the Queen in New Zealand?

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6. Why is New Zealand important in the world today?

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