

NANUKU SANGAM SCHOOL
SOCIAL SCIENCE 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

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?

Aoteroa

2. Where is New Zealand located?

It is located about 1500 kilometres (900 miles) east of Australia and about 1000 kilometres south of the Pacific Island areas of New Caledonia, Fiji and Tonga

3. Name few things that New Zealand is Famous for

Rugby, Dairy Products, Silver Ferns, Kiwi, Fruits

4. Name the capital city of NZ

Wellington

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

Governor General

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

It is one of the developed country

Provides jobs to Pacific Islanders

Provides AID to Developing countries.