

1075 LOVU SANGAM SCHOOL

YEAR 5

SOCIAL STUDIES WK 1

INSTRUCTIONS

-After reading through the notes and activities, students must write the notes and complete the activities in their Social studies book.

STRAND 2: TIME, CONTINUITY AND CHANGE

How the early Fijians discovered Fiji

1. The first Fijians believed to have discovered Fiji arrived more than 3000 years ago.
2. They travelled from island to island looking for a better place to live. They travelled in their canoes called the **“drua”**.
3. Lutunasobasoba was a powerful chief who arrived on the Western coast of Viti Levu at a location known today as Vuda. He arrived with some men in their canoe called the **“Kaunitoni”**.
4. Others led by Degei settled in the coastal side of Nakauvadra mountain in Rakiraki.
5. These Fijians lived in traditional houses called the **“bure”**. They built their own houses and planted their own food. They made their weapons from stones and woods. They wore tapa and leaves to cover parts of their bodies.
6. There were no schools, hospitals, shops, roads, planes and boats back then. Daughters stayed at home and helped their mothers while the boys went fishing and hunting with their fathers.
7. If anyone was caught breaking the rules, they were killed and eaten. **Cannibalism** is the eating of the human flesh.
8. Fijian women used clay pots for cooking and weaved their mats from pandanus leaves. They were very resourceful and made use of the natural resources around them. They were very healthy too.
9. The early Fijians built their own houses and canoes. They made their own weapons, clothes and eating utensils from natural resources. Although, they did not attend school they were very intelligent people.
10. Fijians are the first people who discovered Fiji, so they are known as the **“natives”** of Fiji.

Activities to complete

1. How did the first Fijians arrive in Fiji?
2. Name the chief who arrived at Vuda?
3. Name 2 chores carried out by the men in the village?
4. Name 2 chores carried out by the woman in the village?
5. What is cannibalism?
6. Write down 2 things you have learnt about the arrival of the early Fijians?

Traditional Fijian items

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| Tanoa | Bure | Takona |
| Iwau | Masi | Ibe Tabua |

Pick and draw 3 mentioned items given above.

Hints

Tanoa – is round and is used for mixing and drinking yaqona.

Tabua – I am a whales tooth. I am on the 20cents coin.

Bure – I am a traditional Fijian house.

Takona – I am like the tanoa but rectangular in shape. People use me when making vakalolo.

Iwau – used during wars to hit and kill people. I am on the 10cents coin.

Masi – Fijian people wear me during traditional Fijian weddings.

Ibe – Fijian woman weave me . I am a traditional Fijian mat.

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