

PENANG SANGAM HIGH SCHOOL

Fiji and New Zealand

WORKSHEET 10

Strand : Diplomacy

Substrand : Fijis Diplomatic relation with New Zealand

CONCEPT MAPPING

objective

- ❖ Identify key events in Fiji's international relations with New Zealand
- ❖ Describe role played by New Zealand in the post-war period
- ❖ New Zealand's role in development of Fiji as a communication and transport in the Pacific
- ❖ Personal and informal links between NZ and Fiji
- ❖ Formal and official links between NZ and Fiji

1. INTRODUCTION: A LONG, CLOSE RELATIONSHIP

- ❖ The relations between Fiji and NZ stretch back to the 1870s.
 - ❖ During the 1800s:
 - Fijian leaders were seeking the protection of various powers including Britain
 - Britain agreed to annex Fiji under pressure from British subjects in NZ and Australia
 - ❖ The impact of NZ on Fiji is undeniable:
 - 1970 Fiji independence – witnessed Fiji's school curriculum patterned on NZ's
 - Most government teachers were recruited from NZ
 - Bright Fijian students continued their schooling in NZ and included:
 - ✚ Rt. Jone Tabaiwalu
 - ✚ Rt. Sukuna
 - ✚ Rt. Epeli Ganilau
 - ✚ Rt. Edward Cakobau
 - ✚ Rt. Kamisese Mara
 - ✚ The Brown – Toganivalu brothers
 - ❖ Until 2006, friendly relations continued
 - NZ's entry without visa to Fiji
 - NZ – development, tourism and economic partner
 - Fiji's provision of workers and athletes to NZ
- All returned with:
*NZ 'English
*love for rugby

FJIANS IN NEW ZEALAND; NEW ZEALANDERS IN FIJI

- ❖ Fijians were familiar with New Zealand
 - WWI – joined Maori battalion
 - Went as 'exhibits' to represent Fiji at the international exhibitions

'Colonial exhibitions in the Australasian colonies also presented indigenous men with new mobility opportunities. Three Fijian men recruited from Levuka resided at the 'Fijian House' set up at the Sydney International Exhibition of 1879 ... a more tight regulated scheme was put in place for the International Exhibition of Arts and Industries in Christchurch during the summer of 1906-1907. Two groups of Fijian men proceeded to New Zealand. Ratu Ifereimi and the Assistant Native Commissioner, WA Scott, led one group of twenty-five men. In planning the trip, Scott desires, "as many men as possible to be ex-Armed native Constabulary (ANC) members who have had the benefit of military training and who will be accustomed to discipline ... another group of twenty-six firewalkers from the island of Beqa arrived under the Union Steamship Company's agent Duncan's command.'

- ✓ Can be found today in NZ
 - ✦ Sports (playing)
 - ✦ Working for corporations
 - ✦ Attending regional meetings
 - ✦ Studying at universities
 - ✦ Working on short-term casual contracts; serving on merchant ships
 - ✦ Tourists
 - ✦ Visiting family that had migrat