

WORKSHEET 8

OBJECTIVES

In each topic, you are expected to learn the following skills:

- Analyzing evidence (what does a speech, document, photo, treaty etc include and not include)
- Searching for additional and unusual evidence
- Identifying the motives of relations involved in regional and international affairs
- Comparison – policies in the past and present
- Chronology – being able to place events in the order in which they occurred
- Describing the context – the local, regional and global influences that affected events
- Distinguishing between policy, rhetoric and propaganda

INTRODUCTION FIJI'S RELATIONSHIP WITH THE WORLD

- ❖ The United Nations
 - Is an organization that comprises a group nations that form its members
 - Response to the end of WWII
 - Aim to create peace and cooperation among countries of the world
 - Fiji is a member of the United Nations
- ❖ Fiji
 - Internationally, is a small nation compared to other nations that belong to the UN
 - Regionally, it is a local giant compared to other nations in the Pacific
 - It therefore has to deal with
 - ✚ Superpowers - from Asia, America and Europe
 - ✚ Large neighbors -such as Australia and New Zealand
 - ✚ Thirteen (13) other large and small nations in the Pacific
 - ✚ Giant corporations World Bank, UN, NGOs (Red Cross, WWF, IRB,
 - ✚ International organizations World Council of Churches and Rotary
 - Has important membership to two regional organizations – the Pacific Forum and the Melanesian Spearhead Group
 - ✚ Meetings and policy statements forms a huge role in Fiji's international cooperation
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- ❖ Fiji's **formal relationships** with other nations is managed by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs which
 - Also manages Fiji's signatory role (to sign and agree to a treaty) in international laws, treaties and conventions
 - ✚ Once a nation offers its signature to an agreement, it must follow and maintain the rules and regulations of the agreement. For example: Fiji is a signatory to the following:
 - ✓ 2013 Fiji agreed and signed up to Levuka becoming a World Heritage Site
 - ✓ International Law of the Sea
 - ✓ Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women
 - ✓ The Pacific Plan
 - ✓ UN Development Goals
 - ✓ Including many others
- ❖ Fiji's informal relationships include
 - Relationships outside of government-to-government links
 - Feature volunteer, charity, aid and friendship groups that visit Fiji to carry out small, local projects
 - Not part of Fiji's Foreign Affairs
 - Can be included in Foreign Policy statements
- ❖ There can be no conflict on Fiji's border
 - It does not share a land border with any other nation

- However, an incident occurred in 1972 with Tonga over the sovereignty of Minerva Reef
 - ✚ Reef between Tonga and Fiji
 - ✚ 1972 Tonga was given sovereignty over Minerva
 - ✚ 2005 Fiji complained to international organizations about its ownership to the Reef
 - ✚ 2010-2011 Fiji's navy destroyed navigation equipment installed on the reef by Tonga
- Is surrounded by ocean – it has ocean borders with Tonga, Wallis and Futuna, Tuvalu, Vanuatu and New Zealand
- ❖ Nations always act in its interests
 - 'in the international interest'
 - Trying to create relationships with other nations that are friendly and beneficial to each other – especially to themselves (in this case Fiji's interests)
 - For example, Hawaii
 - ✚ Sent young princes to learn about Europe
 - ✚ Sent delegations to meet with Prime Ministers in powerful nations of Europe

**THUS AN EARLY FORM OF
DIPLOMACY!!!!**

DIPLOMACY: a Nation's attempt to act on
its interests (usually its own)

These are your readings for you to read and attempt the questions that follows

READING: 1

A. List the major events in Fiji's foreign affairs (July 10th 2013) from the homepage of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation.

- Public invited to farewell soldiers to Golan Heights
- Fiji presents credentials to Nepal
- Fiji envoy meets Egyptian Agricultural Minister
- PM Bainimarama is Chief Guest at Solomon Independence Celebrations
- MSG leaders sign three treaties
- Fijian peacekeepers to deploy to UNDOF
- New Caledonian Government welcomes MSG leaders
- Impart traditional knowledge: says Prime Minister
- West Papua issue in MSG agenda
- FLINKS comments Fiji's leadership

B. Description of Ministry of Foreign Affairs(homepage in July 2013)

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Corporation is the ministry responsible for handling the Republic of Fiji's external relations The Ministry states that its objective is 'the provision of policy advise to the government [of Fiji] regarding the formulation and implementation of its foreign policies, and it maintains the country's various diplomatic missions based domestically in Suva, those attributed to Fiji

in Canberra, Australia and Wellington, New Zealand, as well as those based internationally.

Note :Activities are to be done in the activity book

ACTIVITY: 1 QUESTIONS BASED ON READINGS (A) AND (B)

1. For each location identify the region (Asia, Africa, Europe, Middle East, Melanesia)

Golan Heights _____
Nepal _____
New Caledonia _____
Egypt _____
Solomon Islands _____
West Papua _____

2. What do these acronyms mean?

MSG _____
UNDOF _____
FLNKS _____

3. What is the main purpose of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs?
4. Describe a policy that you know about what involves Fiji’s relationship with a foreign nation?
5. Explain the difference between ‘foreign affairs’ and ‘international cooperation’