



**LESSON NOTES**

**School: Ba Sangam College**  
**Subject: Social Science**

**Year/Level: 9**  
**Week 7**

**Name:**  
**Year:**

Strand	Time, Continuity and Change
Sub Strand	History of Fiji (pre-contact to cession) 1800 – 1874
Content Learning Outcome	Explore the events that took place from pre-contact to cession and describe how the actions of individuals and groups during these events contributed to cession for Fiji's political development.

**Chapter Two: Time, Continuity and Change**

**Unit One : History of Fiji**

**First Settlers** in Fiji started by voyaging traders and settlers.

**SOCIAL ORGANISATION**

- I-Taukei settled/worked on the land.
- People cleared the bush, levelled land and made gardens in different ways.
- New settlers introduced new patterns or designs in Lapita pottery.
- Gradually, through this sharing process, a unique Fiji culture developed.

**EFFECTS OF POPULATION GROWTH ON SOCIAL STRUCTURE**

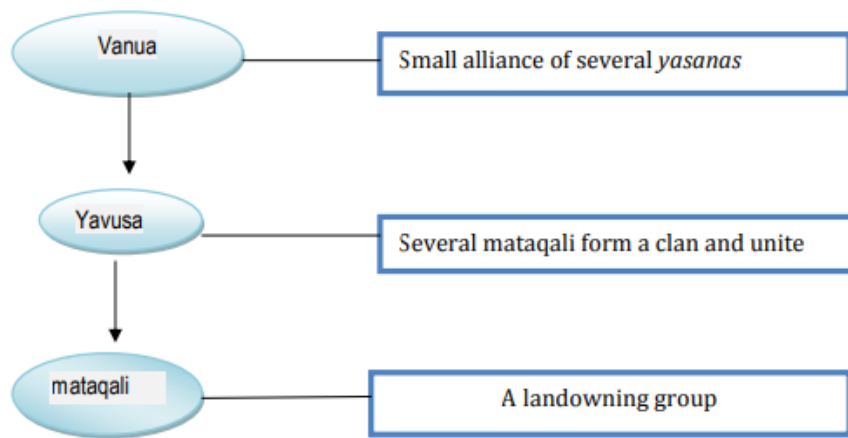
As the population increased, people settled permanently which resulted in the formation of social organization known as the “mataqali” headed by a “Turaga”

- Land use decided by the “ mataqali” or by a smaller group within the village known as “tokatoka” .

Chiefs were responsible for:

- a. Control of food production
- b. Decision about village life
- c. Protection of the people from attackers
- d. Uphold village law

## SOCIAL STRUCTURE



- \* Yavusa - there can be two or more yavusa in the (vanua) village
- \* Mataqali – one or more than one mataqali in one yavusa

## WHAT WAS EARLY FIJI LIKE?

I-taukei lived a life threatened by war and were busy raising animals, fishing, having ceremonies and doing chores every day.

Agriculture was important and barter system took place.

## EVIDENCE OF THE PAST

-old structures/customs passed down through generations/hand and body movements in traditional dances/Messages in the form of ceremonies, rituals, songs and photographs.

## Follow-up Questions

i) How do you think it is important to know how the I-taukeis lived their lives in the past. (2 marks)

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ii) What was the early Fiji like. (2 marks)

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iii) Why was the need for social structure in the Early Fijian Societies? (2 marks)

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iv) Give atleast four evidences of the past. (4 marks)