

PENANG SANGAM HIGH SCHOOL
HISTORY YEAR 12 DIPLOMACY

Strand: Diplomacy

Substrand: NEW ZEALAND AND RUGBY IN FIJI

Objective : *state the importance of rugby in Fiji*

How has rugby improve the livelihood of the people

Explain how rugby has made fiji known to the rest of the world

Week 15

SUMMARY – FRIEND, BIG BROTHER OR NEIGHBOUR?

- ❖ NZ has always promoted regionalism
 - 1970 - invited to be a partner in the South Pacific Forum with Fiji, Samoa, Tonga and Nauru
 - A regional partner with Fiji in the South Pacific Commission, SOPAC, SPREP and others
 - Financial supporter of USP from 1968
- ❖ NZ's relations with Fiji
 - According to Prof. Ron Crocombe:
"Regional coordination was initiated by the external powers, mainly New Zealand and Australia, which paid for most of it in return for influence over its nature and direction... Within the islands, Fiji has been highly successful in high jacking for its national benefit, opportunities created and financed by others with the intention of benefitting the region as a whole ... Most regional research and training facilities have located in Suva, and Fiji has been the main beneficiary ... Fiji and its people monopolize the specialist employment, economic advantages and consequent political leverage ... New Zealand was an important advocate of this centralism."
- ❖ Many criticize New Zealand and Fiji's relationship today
 - 1970 evidence suggests that Fiji was able to manage its relationship to create benefit for both
- ❖ People-to-people relationships between Fiji and NZ is friendly and strong
 - despite NZ often chastising and punishing Fiji as a result of the coups since 1987
 - Anand Satyanand, a Fijian-born NZ'er of Indo-Fijian
 - 2006 – there were 37, 746 people in NZ of Fiji-born descent
- ❖ Clubs and associations
 - Link Fiji and NZ
 - ✓ Fiji Association, Auckland (1977)
 - ✓ Fiji Women's Society (1996)
 - ✓ Fiji Club of New Zealand (2003)

❖ NZ-Fiji connection is shaped by a shared history and geography

▪ NZ

- ✓ Boasts the largest Polynesian population in the world
- ✓ Maori people have cultural affinity with Fijian people
- ✓ NZ of British origins were very loud to push for Fiji becoming a British colony in 1874
- ✓ Links have been forged during the colonial period, two world wars and post-war period and celebrated through:
 - Cultural performances
 - Shipping, aviation & aid
 - Technical assistance
 - Education
 - Religion
 - Military exercises
 - Sports

Activity
Definition

1. Aid
2. Big Brother
3. Colonial
4. Enclave
5. Ethnographer
6. Neo-colonial
7. Diplomacy
8. Humanitarian
9. Localisation
10. Migration
11. Policy
12. Regionalism
13. Trade