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LESSON NOTES

School: Ba Sangam College

Year/Level: 11

Name: _____

Subject: English

Worksheet 17

Year: _____

Strand	Reading and Viewing
Sub Strand	Text Types: media, everyday communication, literary text.
Content Learning Outcome	Read and demonstrate understanding of a variety of complex texts.

Drama: Title: **The Pohutukawa Tree**

Playwright: **Bruce Mason**

Act 2 – Scene 1

- This scene begins with Johnny Mataira sitting at the porch drawing and also taking whisky.
- He takes the taiaha (weapon to fight) and starts to talk to himself and acts as if he is fighting with someone.
- Just then Aroha comes in and is shocked seeing Johnny in that state.
- She gets angry on Johnny for chewing gum and also for reading stories about Robin Hood. She wants Johnny to only read the bible.
- During the mother and son's conversation we come to know that Queenie went to see Dr. Lomas.
- In this scene, Aroha Mataira explains to Johnny the importance of Bible, and the message it portrays.
- Just when Aroha and Johnny goes inside to prepare meal, Queenie comes back from the doctor.
- She looked very disturbed and couldn't speak.
- Looking at her condition, Mrs Mataira was able to comprehend Queenie's problem.
- Queenie was pregnant to Roy MacDowel's child.
- Queenie is very confident with her relationship to Roy and she even yells at her mother saying that she has not done anything wrong. She tells her mother that whatever she did is out of love.
- Aroha immediately calls Roy and Mr. Sedgwick.
- Queenie is very happy for what she did and she is already dreaming about her wedding with Roy.
- All her dreams are shattered when Roy denies to marry her. He informs that his family will never accept a Maori daughter -in -law.

- Even Aroha doesn't want Queenie to stay with her after what she did and is planning to send Queenie to Tamatea where all her other family members are.
- This scene ends with Johnny going away somewhere with the Taiaha.

Activity

(5 marks)

1. What is Johnny Mataira doing at the beginning of the scene?

2. Where did Queenie go to?

3. What is revealed about Queenie when she comes back from the doctor?

4. Did Roy Accept to marry Queenie? State a reason.

5. What is the step that Aroha is taking for Queenie?
