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Get to Know: New Zealand

New Zealand is an island country in the southwest Pacific Ocean whose history has been shaped by two distinct groups of people. How much do you know about this nation's culture and history? Set off on a webquest to explore New Zealand and find out!

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Find It!

Find the answers to the questions below by using the "Search" tool to search key words. Since this activity is about New Zealand, you can start by searching the key words "New Zealand." Write the answers below each question.

1. New Zealand is an island country in the southwest _____ Ocean.
2. New Zealand has two main islands, the _____ Island and the _____ Island.
3. Look at the image "New Zealand flag and coat of arms." How many stars are on New Zealand's flag?
4. New Zealand has three official languages: _____, _____, and _____.
5. The capital of New Zealand is _____.
6. Name five of New Zealand's farming products.
7. Europeans first arrived in New Zealand in _____.
8. New Zealand lies _____ of Australia.
9. A _____ heads New Zealand's government.



10. Click on the “Facts in brief about New Zealand” table. What is the highest point in New Zealand? (Hint: It is 12,218 feet [3,724 meters] above sea level.)
11. In the “New Zealand” article, click the “More Information” icon at the top of the article. Go to the “New Zealand, History of” article.
- (a) New Zealand’s first settlers were a Polynesian people later known as what?
- (b) What treaty did the British and Māori sign in 1840?
- (c) In which year did New Zealand become a fully independent country?

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Just the Facts

Return to the “New Zealand” article. On the top of the web page, you will see the article title, along with three tabs.

Click on the tab labeled “More information.”

Look at the section marked “Articles.” Then, click on the links to the articles listed there.

You can use the browser’s “Back” button to return to the “More information” page.

In the boxes below, write a short piece of new information you learned from each of the three articles.

12. Name of article: Māori

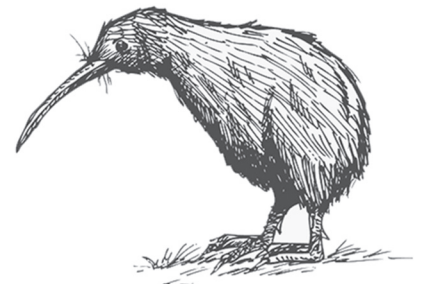
One new fact:

13. Name of article: New Zealand flag

One new fact:

14. Name of article: South Island

One new fact:



True or False

Write "True" if the statement about New Zealand is correct. If the statement is not correct, write "False" and correct the statement in the space below.

- _____ 15. Wellington is the largest city in New Zealand.
- _____ 16. In 1893, New Zealand became the world's first nation to give women the right to vote.
- _____ 17. The native people of New Zealand are called Pākehā.
- _____ 18. In 1840, the French and Māori signed the Treaty of Waitangi, giving France control over New Zealand.
- _____ 19. New Zealand is a member of the Commonwealth of Nations.

What's the Word?

Questions 20-29. Find the words hidden within the puzzle from the list below. The words may be spelled out vertically (up and down), horizontally (across), or diagonally (slanted). Also, the words may be spelled in the right order, or they may be spelled backwards.

Aoraki

Auckland

Kiwi

Maori

Mount Cook

North Island

Pacific Ocean

Sheep

South Island

Wellington

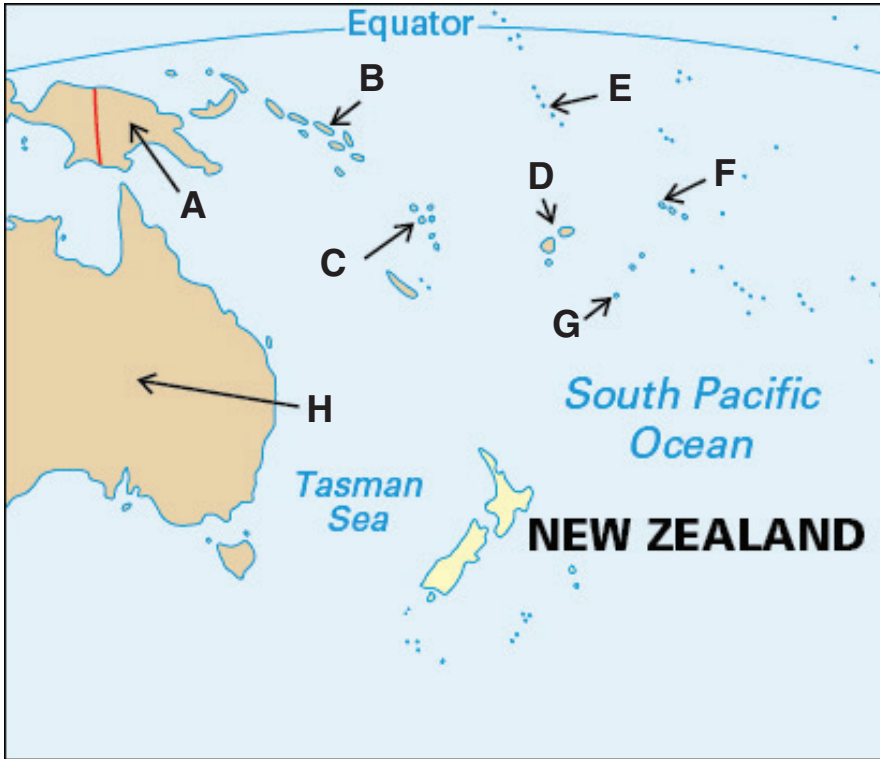
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Map It!

30. Locate the map in the "New Zealand" article. Label the 8 missing countries near New Zealand.



- A. _____
- B. _____
- C. _____
- D. _____
- E. _____
- F. _____
- G. _____
- H. _____



Teachers Page

Answers:

1. New Zealand is an island country in the southwest Pacific Ocean.
2. New Zealand has two main islands, the North Island and the South Island.
3. There are four stars on New Zealand's flag.
4. New Zealand has three official languages: English, Māori, and New Zealand Sign Language.
5. The capital of New Zealand is Wellington.
6. Answers should include any 5 of the following: apples, barley, cattle, grapes, kiwi fruit, onions, potatoes, sheep, wheat, and wool.
7. Europeans first arrived in New Zealand in 1642.
8. New Zealand lies southeast of Australia.
9. A prime minister heads New Zealand's government.
10. Aoraki/Mount Cook is the highest point in New Zealand.
11. (a) New Zealand's first settlers were a Polynesian people later known as Māori.
(b) The British and Māori signed the Treaty of Waitangi in 1840.
(c) New Zealand became a fully independent country in 1947.
12. Answers will vary
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15. False. Auckland is the largest city in New Zealand. –or– Wellington is the capital of New Zealand.
16. True.
17. False. The native people of New Zealand are called Māori.
18. In 1840, the British and Māori signed the Treaty of Waitangi, giving United Kingdom control over New Zealand.
19. True

20-29.

Aoraki

Auckland

Kiwi

Maori

Mount Cook

North Island

Pacific Ocean

Sheep

South Island

Wellington

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- A. Papua New Guinea
- B. Solomon Island
- C. Vanuatu
- D. Fiji
- E. Tuvalu
- F. Samoa
- G. Tonga
- H. Australia