

The Treaty of Waitangi



This special issue of Zoned In looks at the history of the Treaty of Waitangi and the role it plays in New Zealand society today.

The issue covers the following:

- The 1835 Declaration of Independence
- The signing of the Treaty and differences between the English and Maori versions
- Maori grievances regarding breaches of the Treaty since 1840
- The Waitangi Tribunal and what it does
- The Foreshore and Seabed Act and other current Treaty issues
- Waitangi Day

Curriculum Links: Social Studies

Perspectives: Bicultural, Current Issues

ELANZS: The Treaty of Waitangi, its significance as the founding document of New Zealand, how it has been interpreted over time, and how it is applied to current systems, policies, and events.

Social Studies Strands:

- Identity, Culture, and Organisation
- Place and Environment
- Continuity and Change
- The Economic World

Social Studies Achievement Objectives - Level Five:

- Understand how systems of government in New Zealand operate and affect people's lives, and how they compare with another system.
- Understand how the Treaty of Waitangi is responded to differently by people in different times and places.
- Understand how cultural interaction impacts on cultures and societies.
- Understand how the ideas and actions of people in the past have had a significant impact on people's lives.
- Understand how people define and seek human rights.
- Understand how economic decisions impact on people, communities, and nations.
- Understand how people's management of resources impacts on environmental and social sustainability.

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