



Who were the Maoris?

- The first inhabitants of Australia
- The first inhabitants of New Zealand
- The first inhabitants of the southern hemisphere
- The first inhabitants of Polynesia

How did they get to New Zealand?

- On board of some ships
- In 800 AD
- Sailing across the Pacific ocean
- At the beginning of the XIX century

The Europeans started to settle New Zealand

- around 800 AD
- in 1840
- at the beginning of the 1800
- at the end of the XIX century

The British and the Maori ...

- have always got along
- have never got along
- have always lived in peace
- the British defeated the Maori very easily

The Maori

- lost their traditions with the passing of time
- maintained their traditions during the centuries
- took the Europeans traditions and made them their own's
- were easily influenced by the British traditions

6. The Maori

- a. believe in one god
- b. are Catholic
- c. are Protestant
- d. believe in different gods

7. The Haka is a

- a. tatoo
- b. sport
- c. chant
- d. dance and chant

8. What is the origin of the haka?

- a. It was a love dance
- b. It was a dance performed before a rugby game
- c. It was a dance performed before a battle
- d. It was performed on different occasions

9. What does the word "moko" mean?

- a. It indicates a particular tattoo
- b. It is the Maori translation for body
- c. To tattoo
- d. It is an art exhibition

10. In Maori culture ...

- a. only men could have tattoos
- b. women could have the same tattoos as men
- c. tattoos are different between men and women
- d. only women could have tattoos



Read the text. For each question, choose the correct answer.

Who are the Maori?

The Maoris were the first inhabitants of New Zealand, in the southern hemisphere of the globe, very close to Australia.

The Maoris arrived on the island in seven canoes from other parts of Polynesia, in the Pacific ocean, around 800 AD. When the British and other Europeans started to settle in New Zealand, at the beginning of the XIX century, the Maori fought very hard for their freedom. The Treaty of Waitangi (Feb. 6, 1840) between the British and several Maori tribes promised to protect Maori land if the Maoris recognized British rule. However the British settlers and the Maoris have never got along very well.

In fact, The Maoris have maintained their traditions and culture during the centuries.

- 10 The Maoris believe in gods which represented the sky, earth, forests, and forces of nature. The Maori people also believe that the spirits of their ancestors could help them in times of war. The Maori culture is rich with songs, art, dance. A very famous dance is the Haka. There are many different haka. It is a chant and a dance. It is often described as a "War Dance". In the past it consisted of a chant with hand gestures and foot stamping that Warriors performed before a battle. Now it is performed on different important occasions. New Zealand Rugby teams perform it before starting a game.
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The Maoris are also famous for their tribal tattoos. Moko or tattooing is a form of body art for them. It was a sign of distinction. Important Maori men always had typical tattoos on their faces, Women sometimes had tattoos around their mouths and chins, too.

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