

Ngā Atua Kaitiaki Māori — Māori Gods

Approach: One to one

Focus: Interpreting symbolic elements.

Resources: Prompt card, 3 pictures.



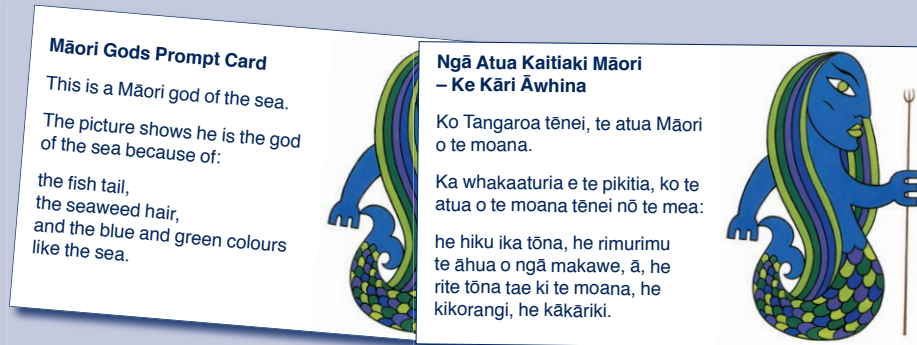
Questions/instructions:

Show prompt card.

This is Tangaroa, the Māori god of the sea. You can tell this is the god of the sea because he has a fish tail, hair like seaweed and is blue and green like the sea.

Whakaaturia te kārī āwhina.

Ko Tangaroa tēnei, te atua kaitiaki Māori o te moana. Ka mōhio tonu koe ko te atua o te moana tēnei nō te mea he hiku ika tōna, he rimurimu te āhua o ngā makawe, ā, he rite tōna tae ki te moana, he kikorangi, he kākāriki.



Show picture 1.

Whakaaturia te pikitia tuatahi.



[Tāwhiri-mātea – god of wind/storms/weather/clouds/rain]

1. What do you think he is the god of?

He atua kaitiaki ia. He atua aha ia?

	% responses	
	GED	MI
name and 'god of' both correct	2	60
'god of' correct but not name	57	34

2. How does the picture show that?

Whakahāngaitia ngā tohu o te pikitia, e kīia ai nāna ērā mahi.

[judged in relation to student's answer to 1]

	% responses	
	GED	MI
appropriately argued, using multiple features	49	39
appropriately argued, using one feature	42	48

Show picture 2.

Whakaaturia te pikitia tuarua.



[Tūmatauenga – god of man/people or war/fighting]

3. What do you think he is the god of?

He atua kaitiaki ia. He aha ia?

	% responses	
	GED	MI
name and 'god of' both correct	0	41
'god of' correct but not name	32	35

4. How does the picture show that?

Whakahāngaitia ngā tohu o te pikitia e kīia ai nāna ērā mahi.

[judged in relation to student's answer to 3]

	% responses	
	GED	MI
appropriately argued, using multiple features	36	40
appropriately argued, using one feature	46	30

Show picture 3.
Whakaaturia te pikitia tuatoru.



[Rongomatāne/Rongomaraeroa – god of peace/happiness or god of gardening/farming/agriculture, kumara/arts]

5. What do you think he is the god of?
He atua kaitiaki ia. He aha ia?

name and 'god of' both correct	0	14
'god of' correct but not name	9	15

6. How does the picture show that?
Whakahāngaitia he aha ngā tohu o te pikitia e kīia ai nāna ērā mahi.

[judged in relation to student's answer to 5]

appropriately argued, using multiple features	41	33
appropriately argued, using one feature	41	37

% responses
GEd MI



		% responses	
		GEd	MI
Total score:	8-12	9	45
	6-7	36	24
	4-5	23	14
	2-3	26	10
	0-1	6	7

Commentary:
Students in Māori immersion (MI) settings scored statistically significantly higher than Māori students in general education (GEd).