

Famous New Zealanders

Approach: One to one

Level: Year 4 and year 8

Focus: Qualities of famous people.

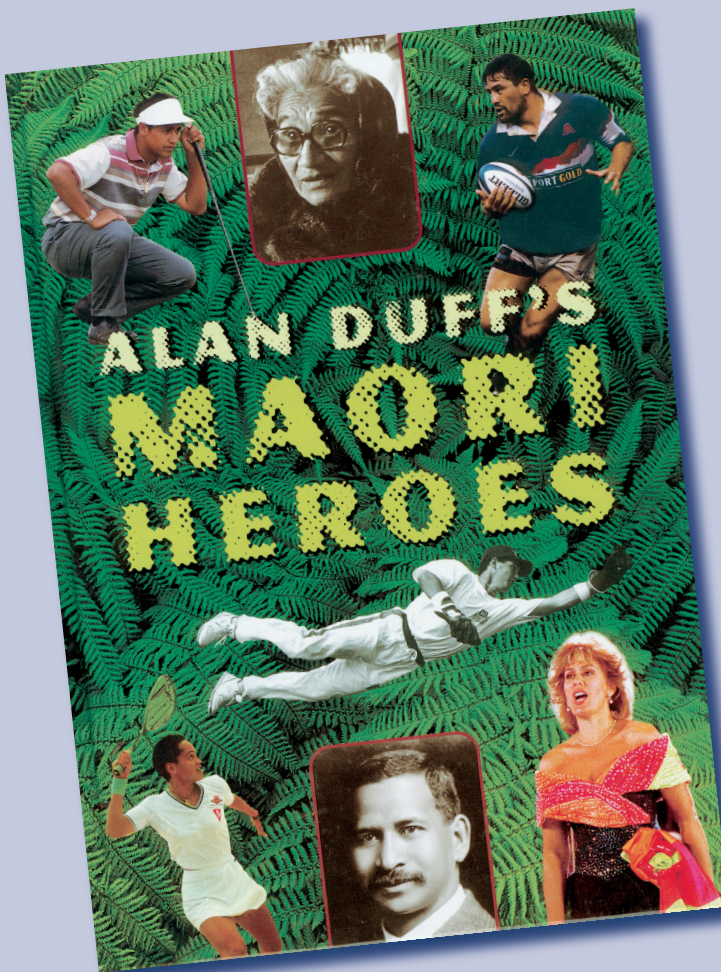
Resources: Book cover: “Alan Duff’s Māori Heroes.”

Questions/instructions:

Show Book Cover

This is the cover from a book called “Alan Duff’s Māori Heroes”. It is a book about famous Māori New Zealanders. Alan Duff had his own reasons for choosing the people he has written about in his book.

1. If you were going to write a book about famous people, how would you choose the people to go into **your** book? What sort of people would they need to be?
2. How does a person get to be famous?



	% responses	
	y4	y8
very well known (usually highly admired)	53	67
done something unique or for the first time	10	15
done something extremely well	45	57
shown exceptional courage/bravery	3	4
shown exceptional persistence/perserverence	28	25
made exceptional contribution to people/community	3	9
made exceptional contribution to particular cause/business/activity	4	4
shown exceptional ability to promote self, attract attention, become well known	15	21

Commentary:

There was little difference between the responses of year 4 and year 8 students. Both saw the main reason for fame to be doing something exceptionally well.