

Task: Kiri Te Kanawa

Approach: Station
 Focus: Organising and summarising information
 Resources: Information card

Year: 8

Questions / instructions:

Here is some information about Kiri Te Kanawa from a book called, *Alan Duff's Māori Heroes*.

Read the information about Kiri Te Kanawa.

Dame Kiri Te Kanawa

Dame Kiri Te Kanawa is one of the most recognisable and successful New Zealanders ever. She is without question our superstar. In fact, she's a world superstar – with her beautiful rich soprano voice.

Millions of people all around the world have heard Kiri Te Kanawa singing – in fact one billion people watched her on television as she sang at Gisborne to mark the new millennium.

This was not the first time that Kiri performed for a worldwide television audience. In 1981 she sang at the royal wedding of Prince Charles and Diana, when 500 million people watched her.

Kiri was born in Gisborne in 1944. She was adopted by a Māori father and a Pākehā mother. In 1959 Kiri's family moved to Auckland so that she could go to St Mary's Convent School. Here Kiri got singing lessons from Sister Mary Leo.

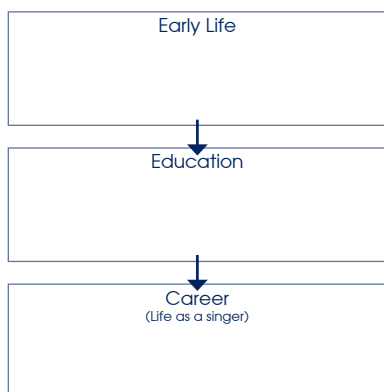
In 1965 Kiri won New Zealand's major singing competition - the Mobil Song Quest. The same year, she moved to London so that she could keep on studying music. Since then Kiri has had a very successful singing career. In 1982 she became Dame Kiri Te Kanawa. Although Kiri sang her last opera in 2002, she still sings in other concerts.

QUICK FACTS

- Born: 1944
- Grew up: Gisborne, Blockhouse Bay
- Schools: Studied with Sister Mary Leo, St Mary's Convent, Ponsonby
- Family: Married Desmond Park in 1967, with whom she adopted two children – Antonia and Thomas. The couple have since separated
- Claim to fame: Internationally successful opera singer; recipient of many awards including an OBE; DBE; Order of New Zealand



The information you have just read is a bit muddled up. Make short **notes** about Kiri's life so that things are listed in the order they happened.



Notes about early life include:

Relevant features:
 (born in Gisborne; born in 1944;
 adopted; parents; grew up in Gisborne
 and Blockhouse Bay, Auckland)

- 4 or more relevant points
- 2-3 relevant points
- 1 relevant point
- any other response

Notes about education include:

Relevant features:
 (attended St Mary's Convent School;
 singing lessons from Sister Mary Leo;
 studied music in London from 1965)

- 3 relevant points
- 2 relevant points
- 1 relevant point
- any other response

Notes about career include:

Relevant features:
 (watched by 1 billion people in 2000;
 sang at wedding of Prince Charles and
 Lady Diana Spencer; won Mobil Song Quest;
 became Dame Kiri Te Kanawa; sang last
 opera in 2002; has rich soprano voice;
 is a superstar; has successful singing
 career as an opera singer)

- 6 or more relevant points
- 4-5 relevant points
- 2-3 relevant points
- 1 relevant point
- any other response

Overall note taking style

- succinct paraphrased notes
- mixture of paraphrasing and copying
- sections of texts copied
- any other response

- Total score:** 10–12
 8–9
 6–7
 4–5
 0–3

% responses
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37
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Commentary:

This task was distinctly unpopular with the year 8 students. Forty-eight percent scored 8 or more, indicating that they captured and classified correctly a substantial number of relevant points and recorded them appropriately.