

Treaty Search

Approach: One to one

Level: Year 8 only

Resources: Macintosh Powerbook 5300cs laptop computer; *New Zealand Encyclopedia* software; cue card for using encyclopedia; timer.

Questions/instructions

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year 4 year 8

Students first worked through a practice programme, MacMoves (p38), which gave practice with pointing using the mouse, clicking, scrolling, and closing windows.

Start up the computer so that the Home page is showing on the screen.

Set the timer for 8 minutes. Do NOT start the timer yet.

In this activity you are going to use the *New Zealand Encyclopedia* on the computer to find information about the Treaty of Waitangi. You will have 8 minutes to do an introductory activity and to find the information asked for on this card.

Hand student the question card.

If you get stuck, here is a cue card with hints about using this programme.

Hand student the computer cue card.

As you find the information, tell me and I will write it down.

Now click on "Encyclopedia" and follow the instructions.

Start timer. Record the answers the student gives.

If student asks for help:

Remember to use the computer cue card if you're stuck.

When the student has finished or has run out of time click on the close boxes, then click on the Quit button to get back to the home page.

Treaty Search Question Card

1. When was the Treaty of Waitangi signed at Waitangi?
Find the day, the month and the year.

6 Feb 1840 ✓

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2. What was the name of the person who signed the treaty for the British government?

Hobson ✓

57

3. Which of these chiefs signed the Treaty of Waitangi?

Ruatara
Te Kawau
Kaihau

Te Kawau ✓

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Commentary

The year 8 students had quite good success with the first two questions. The third question could not be answered by looking up information about the Treaty of Waitangi, which many students persisted in trying. They needed to look up the names of the three chiefs. Many students ran out of time.