

Task: Te Whareniui — Meeting House

Approach: One to one

Focus: Students can name and explain the meaning or significance of structures in a traditional Māori meeting house

Resources: 4 pictures: meeting house, poutokomanawa, kowhaiwhai, tukutuku

Questions / instructions:

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responses



Whakaaturia te pikitia tuatahi.

Ko Tūkākī tēnei, tētahi o ngā whareniui e tū ana i Te Kaha, i te rohe o Te Whānau a Apanui.

E kite ana koe i ōna wāhanga maha.

Ka tirohia ētahi wāhanga o te whareniui hei kōrerorero māu.

Show picture 1.

This is a picture of the meeting house, called Tūkaki, on the East Coast.

You can see that it has many interesting parts.

We'll look at some of the parts inside of the house, and I'll ask you to tell me what you know about them.



Whakaaturia te pikitia tuarua.

He pikitia tēnei o tētahi tino wāhanga o roto i te whareniui.

Show picture 2: Poutokomanawa

This picture shows an important part inside the meeting house.

1. E mōhio ana koe ki te ingoa o tēnei wāhanga?

Do you know what this part is called?

named the part "poutokomanawa"

16

named the part "a carving"

10

2. Ki tōu whakaaro, i mahia mai i te aha?

What do you think this is made from?

identified material as wood

90

3. He tino wāhanga tēnei o te whareniui. He aha ai?

Why is this an important part of this meeting house?

represents ancestors
(and their importance to the community)

21

welcomes guests entering the house

9

the heart of the meeting house

11

central support/post of the house

45

Whakaaturia te pikitia tuatoru.

He pikitia tēnei o tētahi wāhanga anō o te whareniui.

Show picture 3: Kowhaiwhai

This picture shows another part of the meeting house.

**Whakaaturia te pikitia tuawhā.**

He pikitia tēnei o tētahi wāhanga anō o te whareniui.

Show picture 4: Tukutuku

This picture shows another part of the meeting house.



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4. E mōhio ana koe ki te ingoa o tēnei wāhanga? Do you know what this is called?	
named the part "kowhaiwhai"	18
named the part "heke" ³	4
5. Ki tōu whakaaro, i mahia mai i te aha? What do you think this is made from?	
paint/dyes	38
wood	94
6. He tino wāhanga tēnei o te whareniui. He aha ai? Why is this an important part of this meeting house?	
genealogy, descent, whakapapa	13
ribs of ancestors	40
tells a story	9
7. E mōhio ana koe ki te ingoa o tēnei wāhanga? Do you know what this is called?	
named the part "tukutuku"	30
named the part "a (woven) wall panel"	0
named the part "pakiwaitara" (story board)	2
8. Ki tōu whakaaro, i mahia mai i te aha? What do you think this is made from?	
traditional materials (e.g. pingao/sand/sedge, harakeke/flax)	48
modern alternative materials (e.g. wool, leather, plastic, raffia, string)	29
9. He tino wāhanga tēnei o te whareniui. He aha ai? Why is this an important part of this meeting house?	
balances the efforts/contributions of woman and man	0
traditionally symbolises working together/relationships	2
balances/separates carvings	4
embellishment/sign of the industriousness of makers	4
tells a story	26

Commentary:

The results provide useful information about the extent of students' knowledge of the meaning or significance of structures in a traditional Māori meeting house.