

ASSESSMENT 1: MY PEPEHA



WALT: Demonstrate an understanding of the significance of land/place for Tangata Whenua through the use of oral tradition.

WALT: Write *SEXY* body paragraphs

Body Paragraph 1:

Māori have a special relationship with the land, their language and their cultural identity. Describe the importance of the pepeha in reinforcing connections and sustaining your culture + identify.

Body Paragraph 2:

How does your pepeha poster reflect your *Tūrangawaewae* - your sense of spiritual belonging to a place(s)? Please refer to the images on your poster to answer this question.

Body Paragraph 3:

Discuss how language sustains culture. Reflect on New Zealand's bi-cultural heritage and explore your own family name.

Essay Scaffold (highly scaffolded)

Introduction:

My pepeha poster reflects New Zealand's bicultural heritage and my own culture. It places me within a wider context and oral story, by linking my identity with my ancestors and with the land. These special relationships form my *whakapapa* and the act of knowing this genealogy helps me to sustain my culture and identify.

Body Paragraph 1:

S Māori have strong spiritual bonds with the land and regard land, soil and water as taonga (treasures). These natural features play an important role in my pepeha poster as they show my whakapapa (or genealogy) in terms of mountains, rivers and oceans of significance to my family. **E** The Waikato River runs through my family's hometown of and is the second-longest river in New Zealand. I have included this river in my mihi poster because.... **X** An example of a special time here was.... (*describe special moments at this awa over a few sentences*). **Y** This shows that my personal sense of identity and wellbeing can be connected to the land.

Body Paragraph 2:

S Māori believe that all life is connected and that *tūrangawaewae* are places where we feel especially connected and empowered. **E** is a very special place to me as it ... and gives me a sense of spiritual belonging. **X** is a place where my family.... (*describe your tūrangawaewae over a few sentences*). **Y** This shows that just like the Māori world view, my personal sense of identity and wellbeing is connected to the land.

Body Paragraph 3:

S My pepeha poster shows that New Zealand's history has an important role in shaping who I am. **E** The text of my whakapapa has been recorded in both English and Te Reo, similar to the way the Treaty of Waitangi was translated into Māori by William Hobson. **X** For example, 'Ko..... Te Whanau' introduces my family name. My family name is and

comes from... *(describe your family name and/or chief, etc, over a few sentences)*. Y My poster shows that language plays an essential role in communicating, making connections and sustaining cultural identity.

Conclusion:

Discovering who I am and where I'm from builds my sense of identity and belonging. New Zealand's history continues to shape who I am today, and will be in the future. My pepeha poster helps other people to make links and connections with me, and by doing so strengthens my own understanding of my genealogy... as to know my whakapapa is to know my identity!