

A LEARNING GUIDE: How Kupe discovered New Zealand

Use pictures and symbols to illustrate each of the key points in the right hand column.

	According to Maori mythology in about the middle of the 10 th century, Kupe was a fisherman and seafarer who lived in Hawaiki.
	While fishing, Kupe became so enraged with a squid that stole his bait that he set out to kill the Squid King, (Whek-a-Muturangi).
	With a crew of Polynesians, Kupe sailed his double-hulled canoe in pursuit of the Squid King.
	He chased it westward some 3200 km.
	He came across a mountainous land that consisted of two main islands, with no people, only birds.
	He finally killed the Squid King in the strait between the two main islands.
	On his return to Hawaiki he told of the new land and related the sailing directions
	This new information was passed on from generation to generation.
	Within a few centuries, islanders from the Pacific began to migrate to the new land. This was the final step in the settlement of the Pacific.