

Trading Taonga

Read the story [Trading Taonga](#) in the [Connected Level 4 2022 journal](#) and use what you've learned to answer the following questions. It's a good idea, where need be, to refer back to the text as you go.

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1. Who was Waitaiki's husband?
2. Where was Waitaiki when she was kidnapped?
3. How did Poutini show her that he cared for her as he fled?
4. How did Waitaiki's husband find them?
5. What was the ultimate fate of Waitaiki?
6. Where could you find her today?

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7. How is pounamu formed?
8. What other names is pounamu known by?
9. If you were tramping in the Southern Alps and you saw pounamu on the ground or in a river, what would it look like?
10. How would you make it look like it does as taonga?

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11. What sorts of things was pounamu traditionally made into?
12. Which two iwi fought about who would be the kaitiaki of pounamu in the Southern Alps?

13. What sort of pounamu item might a person be carrying that would give you a clue they were a leader?
14. Who discovered the pass which could be used to travel from Te Tai Poutini to the east?
15. How do we know from the story that Ngāi Tahu hadn't seen pounamu before? Use evidence from the text to support your answer.

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16. In what way was pounamu like money in the 1700s and early 1800s? Give evidence from the text to support your answer.
17. What other things were traded as part of traditional Māori economy?
18. Use a map to find Kaiapoi. Why do you think it functioned as a trading hub?

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19. How did decisions by the Crown and government lead to Māori losing control of traditional sources of pounamu?

Beyond the Text

Several of Aotearoa New Zealand's great walks in the South Island exist on top of traditional Māori trade routes:

- Milford Track
- Routeburn Track
- Heaphy Track

Choose one of the tracks above and find a map of it. Take note of the names of landmarks on the tracks (huts, passes, waterfalls, etc.).

Now, find out the Māori history of the same area.

Answer the following questions.

What is the Māori history of the track you have chosen?

What is the European history of the track you have chosen?

If you could rename a landmark on the track, which would it be, what would you rename it, and why?