

# Maoris

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# Who are the Maori?

- Māori are the indigenous people, of New Zealand.
- They came to New Zealand more than 1000 years ago from their Polynesian homeland of Hawaiki.
- Today, one in seven New Zealanders identify as Māori.





# Maori traditions

- **Hongi**
- A sign of respect, the Hongi is a traditional greeting done by pressing the nose and forehead against someone else's. It's like giving someone a handshake. given the faces are placed so close together. It is Known as the breath of life.
- **Haka**
- Most famously known by the New Zealand All Blacks, who have turned the traditional dances into an important cultural event on the world stage, the Haka is a Māori war dance that was traditionally saved for the battlefield. Today, the Haka is used during Māori ceremonies, celebrations and to honour guests.

# Some Maori food

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- Some of the crops the Maoris eat are wheat, potatoes, maize, carrots, cabbage and other vegetables.
- Māori also began raising sheep, pigs, and goats.
- Potatoes were easy to grow so they ate a lot of them, and pigs could be fattened quickly, so pork and potatoes became a new staple meal.



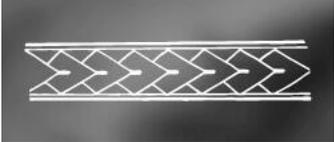
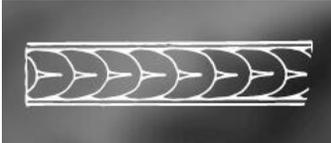
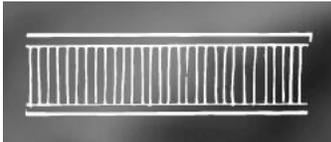
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# Maori weapons

- Patu Onewa (Basalt)
- One of the main weapons that the Maoris used were patu onewa, which were made from basalt, which was a local resource. This was a hand weapon that was used to attack the upper body of an enemy by using a thrusting motion.



# Maori tatoos

- *Pakati*:
  - Dog skin cloak, representative of warriors/battles/courage and strength. 
  - *Hikuaua*: 
  - Representative of Taranaki (a region of New Zealand) as well as prosperity, mackerel tail.
  - *Unaunahi*: 
  - Fish scales that represent abundance and health.
  - *Ahu ahu mataroa*: 
  - Shows talent and achievement in athleticism or sport and can also be representative of a new challenge.

# Fun facts about the Maoris

- **1. Each Maori Tattoo is Unique**
- **2. There Used to Be No Written Language**
- **3. The Haka is Not Only a War Dance it's also a greeting dance**
- **4. The Maori Culture is One of the Youngest cultures**
- **5. Maori Food is Cooked Underground**
- **6. Greenstone is a Precious Stone to the Maori**

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