

RUAWHARO



Ruawharo

Ruawharo, the high priest of the Takitimu canoe, was born and lived in far off Hawaiki. Although he descended from a line of chiefs, he was not an ariki (high born). Desiring to gain knowledge of things terrestrial and celestial, he went with his younger brother Tupai to Timuwhaka-iria, a renowned priest, in Hawaiki, to be taught in the whare-wananga, or house of learning.

After a course of study they succeeded. Ruawharo became the guardian of the gods of the earth and of the ocean, while Tupai was granted the guardianship of the gods of the heavens and of the whare-wananga. Now follows what has been related in the history of the Takitimu canoe.

After landing at Nukutaurua, Ruawharo proceeded to plant the mauri (life principle) of the whaled and the fish of the sea. He then built his pa at Oraka, near Mr G. C Ormond's old homestead. This he named Waha-toa. After a time, when whales became numerous, he built another pa on the north side of the Mahia peninsula, opposite the site of the hotel, which flourished at Te Mahia in the eventful whaling days. This he named Tiro-tiro-kauika, which means: "watching the progress of whales."

Ruawharo married Hine-wairakaia, who begot three sons: Matiu, Makaro and Moko-tu-a-raro. In order to extend and establish the feeding grounds of whales and of other different kinds of fish, he planted his children along the seacoast as mauri. He set out in his canoe, and placed Matiu near Waikokopu Harbour.

Proceeding further south, he left Makaro at Aropaoanui, and in reaching the mouth of the Ngaruroro River, near the town of Clive in Hawke's Bay he placed his last son Moko-tu-a-raro. All of them were turned into rocks, which can still be seen today.

Another version of this story is that, when Ruawharo left the shore of Tahiti, women and children were not permitted aboard the Takitimu canoe, but were left wailing on the beach.

We feel inclined to adopt the latter version but were cried down by the Maori elders by singing a song of lament for a lost child by a woman named Mihi-Te-Kapua: -

Tawhai rawa mai e hika,
Ko Ruawharo te rite ra i te tipua.
E maka noa ra i ana potiki tu noa i te one,
Ko Matiu, ko Makaro,
Ko Moko-tu-a-raro ki tawhiti,
I Ngaru-roro ra, i Rangitira ra-a-a.

In English

As in like manner, my darling,
Unto Ruawharo, the supernatural being.
Who cast away his pets, that now stand upon the shore,
As Matiu and Makaro,
Also Moko-tu-a-raro at distance,
At Ngaru-roro and at Rangatira.

The word tipua in Maori is demon, and in some cases was applied to a person doing some marvellous act or in others to some hard-hearted and cruel action. Ngaruroro is the name of the river in the Napier district, and Rangatira is one further down the coast.

It has been held that, the planting of these mauri brought the whales to this bay, which became a hunting ground for whalers in those old days, when whaling stations were established from Mahia to Kidnappers.

As a monument to this renowned ancestor of the Maori people the meetinghouse at Opoutama is named after him, Ruawharo.

It is said that when Ruawharo left Hawaiki he brought with him sand, some of which he placed at Mahia, and some at Wairoa, at Whakamahia beach, called Tahuna-mai-Hawaiki. These places later became the principal burial-grounds of the people of those days.

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<p><u>Language Te Reo</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read story • Retell • Put story in sequence form <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. After landing at Nukutaurua, Ruawharo proceeded to plant the Mauri (life principle) 2. Ruawharo, the high priest of the Takitimu canoe 3. Although descended from a line of chiefs he was not an Ariki (high born) 		<p><u>Phys Ed Tinana Kori</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Warming up activities • Using long poi, practise swinging & twirling activities to strength wrist motives • Using ball enter into throwing ball from left hand to right
	<p><u>RUAWHARO</u></p> <p>Key words Nga kupu Ruawharo Priest Canoe Takitimu Hawaiki</p>	
<p><u>Social Studies</u> <u>Tikanga-a-lwi</u></p> <p>Visit the marae "Ruawharo" in Mahia. Contact Marae Committee person they will be able to give the information you need to make this trip</p>		<p><u>Science Putaio</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research – Visit your local H B Museum to collect & find information on bird life • Collate & make up a book
<p><u>Art, Music & Dance</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draw Ruawharo leaving the shores of Hawaiki on the sacred canoe Takitimu • Learn the enclosed song "Ruawharo" maybe contact the Performing Arts Group in Albert St Hastings to show the graceful actions & dance that compliment this famous song 		

Language-Te reo
Close questions.

1. Who was Ruawharo?
2. Where was he born?
3. How did he gain all his knowledge?
4. Who was his father?
5. What did Ruawharo bring from Hawaiki?

Make up poems this famous ancestor.
Ruawharo te tohunga.
Hawaiki he came.
Ending up with fame.etc.

Make up your own legend and characters. Make it interesting using class members to act it out.

Social Studies: Tikanga-a-Iwi

Visit local marae or you may like to visit one of the marae in Mohaka. Contact the local Kaumatua if they are available to tell the history of this beautiful area.

Research

Science - Putaiao

- Visit H.B. Fish and Game Council,
- The Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society.
- Record your findings and share with class.

Heath - Hau Ora.

Make up a healthy meal for six. These are the ingredients: 1kg mince
2 onions 2 carrots

half pumpkin 1 celery

Set out your meal and what you would call it:

HOT POT STEW UP. etc

Phys/Ed: Using the Te Reo package by Kimihia Resources
Auckland. Use some of the activities enclosed.

Art: Draw a mural showing the great fleet leaving the shores of Hawaiki - remember the waka. Takitimu was a very sacred canoe- with whales at both sides to guide the canoe to N.Z. Ruawharo was the Tohunga (high priest) of this prestigious waka (canoe).

Dance - Music: Learn the song "Ruawharo". Words enclosed. Invite the performing Arts Group from the Wananga o te Whare Tapere, Albert st, Hasting, to help with the movements - actions that go with this famous song.

Ruawharo
(Na Tommy Taurima)

Kaea....Ruawharo
Katoa...Ruawharo
He tohunga nui,he tohunga maia ki tona iwi e
I hoea mai ra i Tawhiti-nui,Tawhiti-roa,Tawhiti-pamamamao
Ka kite rawa i te Pari-o-te-Ra
Nga papawai i Oraka
Nga oneroa o TeMahia

Kaea....Ruawharo
Katoa...Ruawharo
Te waha kii o te waka nei,a Takitimu e
Ko wai ra e kau ana?
He taniwha, he tipua,ko Ruamano e
Kia whakahuka mai te moana nui
Te whanau a Tinirau, te tangi mai a Tangaroa

Kaea....Ruawharo
Katoa...Ruawharo
Anei to hoa wahine a Nganuhaka e
He wahine toa, he wahine karahika e
Taiporutu, Taiwananga, Te Motu Tapu o
Waikawa
Me heke taua ki te Waikokopu

Kaea....E te iwi
Katoa..E te iwi
Nga mihi ki te whare tipuna nei ko Ruawharo e
Te tuanui i te ata o nga maunga ki Opoutama e
Piki ake kake mai ra te karanga a Rongomaiwahine
Nau mai haere mai ki Te Mahia

Ko Tamatea-te-ariki nui
Ko Ruamano, te taniwha
Ko Takitimu, te waka tipua
Te tohunga nui ko Ruawharo e

Kaea...Ka tahī, ka rua, toru, ka wha
Katoa..Hei ha!