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Level 1 History 2020

91003 Interpret sources of an historical event of significance to New Zealanders

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RESOURCE BOOKLET

Refer to this booklet to answer the questions for History 91003.

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INTRODUCTION: The Haka Party Incident

Prior to 1979, University of Auckland Engineering students would perform a mock* haka as part of their graduation ceremony.

On the 1st May 1979, a group of 14 Māori and Pacific Island activists, know as He Taua, confronted a group of 20 to 30 students getting ready to perform their routine.

The confrontation resulted in violence, and He Taua members were charged with a variety of offenses, including rioting.

The event sent ripples through the nation and changed race relations in New Zealand forever.

* mock to copy someone or a characteristic of someone in an amusing but unkind way that makes other people laugh, or to try to make someone or something seem foolish or ridiculous



Engineers' Haka, 1955

Image: <https://www.asbwaterfronttheatre.co.nz/auckland-theatre-company/2017-18/the-haka-party-incident/>

SOURCE A: The engineering students mock Haka words

Kamate! Kamate!

Hori*! Hori!

I got the pox**

From Hori Hori.

* hori offensive word used to describe Māori

**pox an easily transmitted disease

Source (adapted): Vincent O'Malley, Bruce Stirling, and Walter Penetito, *The Treaty of Waitangi Companion: Maori and Pakeha from Tasman to Today* (Auckland: Auckland University Press, 2010), p. 297.

SOURCE B: Mocked haka proved a turning point

It was 30 years to the day on Friday (1 May 2009) since a Maori and Pacific Island group called He Taua took exception to fellow engineering students for making fun of the haka to celebrate capping week*.

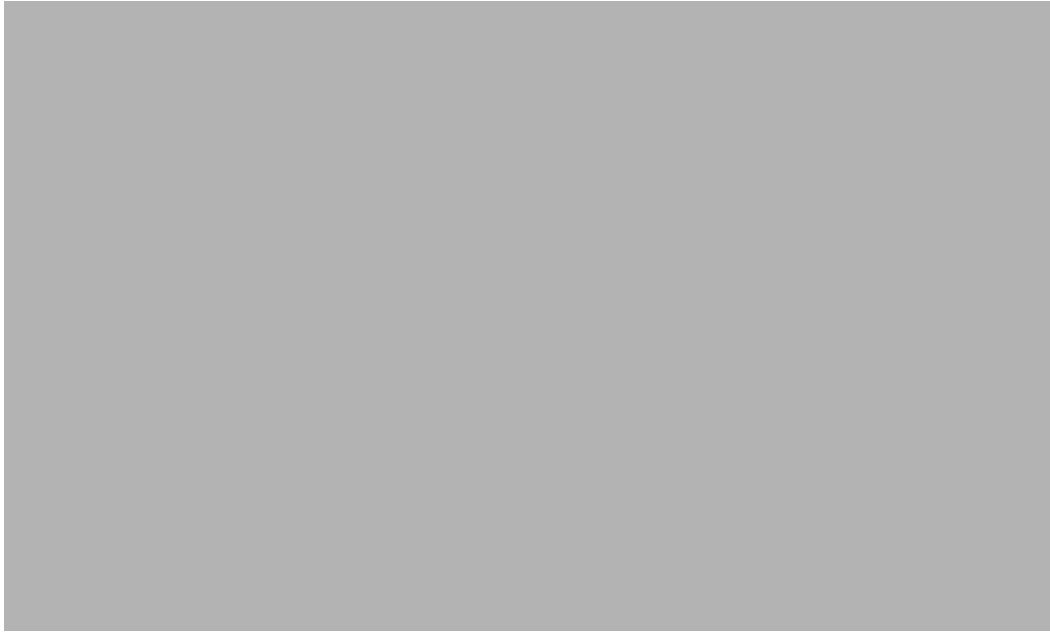


Eight of He Taua were found guilty in a big case which raised the ugly issue of racism.

* capping week graduation week

**took the mickey to tease or mock

Source (adapted): *ONE News*, 1 May, 2009, <http://tvnz.co.nz/content/2694643/2591764.xhtml>.

SOURCE C: He Taua members outside court

Members of He Taua outside court, including Hone Harawira on the far right.

Image: Private collection, Simon Day, *The Spinoff*, 17 October, 2017, <https://thespinoff.co.nz/atea/17-10-2017/mocking-the-haka-the-haka-party-incident-and-casual-racism-in-new-zealand/>.

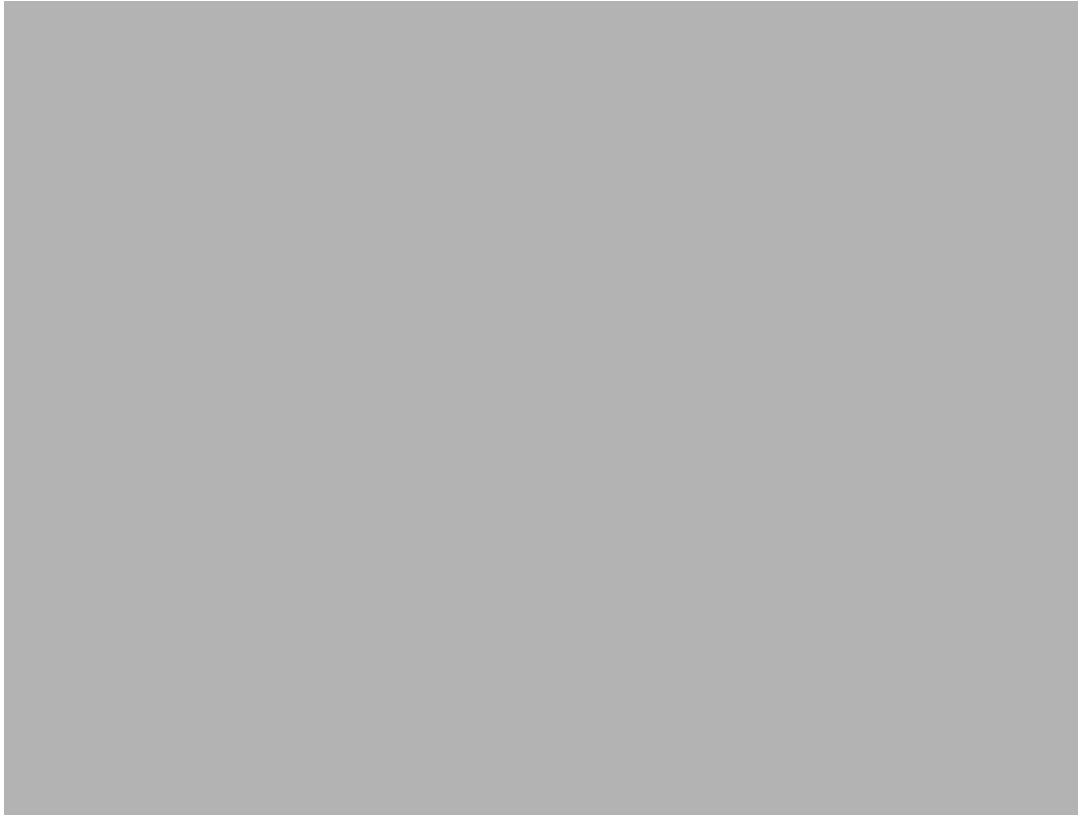
SOURCE D: Haka brawl rivals unite to remember

It was a haka labelled racist or, alternatively, all in good fun, but 30 years ago it was the cause of one of Auckland University's most violent days...



Thirty years on things have certainly changed. Auckland University Dean of Engineering Michael Davies was pleased to show the group the increases in Maori and Pacific students now entering the school – the Engineering Faculty has gone from one Maori student to 170 Maori and Pacific Islanders.

Source (adapted): Yvonne Tahana, *NZ Herald*, 1 May, 2009, https://www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/news/article.cfm?c_id=1&objectid=10569951.

SOURCE E: How dare you ...

Student Hilda Halkyard confronts Auckland University engineering students performing a mock haka in 1978. Māori students found the students' haka offensive and attempted to prevent it by protesting through official channels.

Hilda Halkyard (later Halkyard-Harawira) faced racism head on at a time when discrimination against Māori in the cities was rife especially within the Auckland University campus. ...





It never happened again and this incident that took place in 1979 sent a message throughout the Pākehā students on campus who would never exploit Māori culture or the haka again.

#MāoriWomenActivist #FightingRacism

Source (adapted): Te Ringahuaia Hata (added by Joe Trinder), *Mana News*, 30 July, 2016, mananews, <https://mananews.co.nz/wp/?p=9449>.

SOURCE F: Struggle without end

For over 20 years, the engineers had staged a mock war dance [haka] as part of the annual capping day festivities, and for at least ten years Maori students had tried to stop the performance because they thought it culturally offensive and racist. As early as May 1971, Syd Jackson of Tamatoa wrote to the Auckland University Students' Association (AUSA) requesting that the haka party be disowned. ...

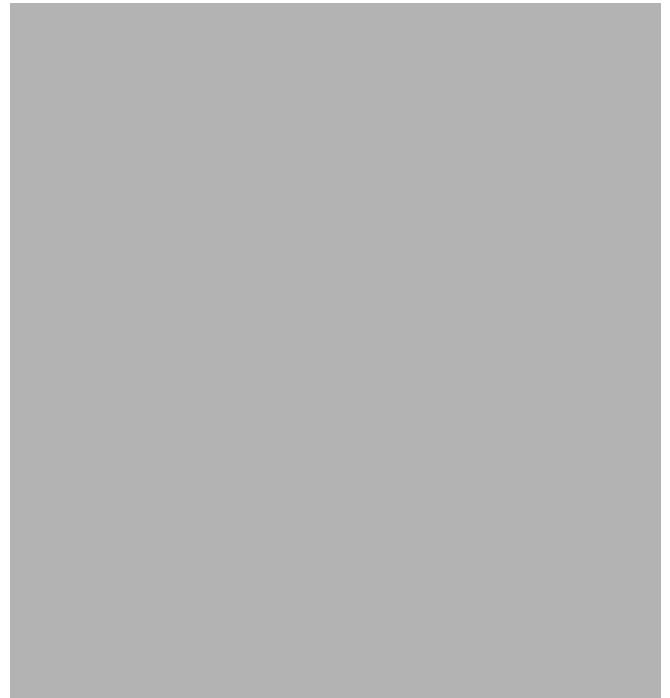
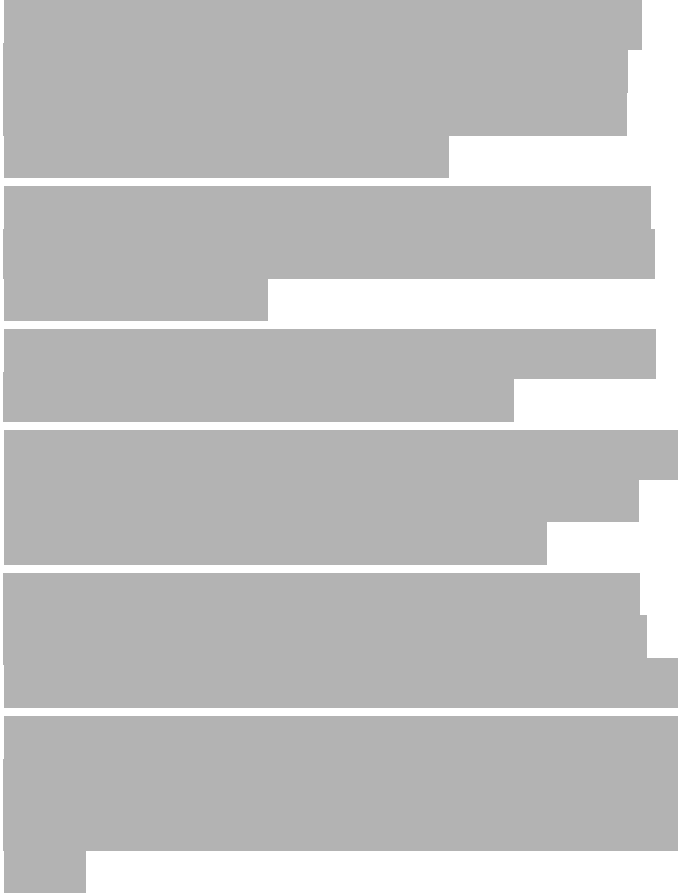


The He Taua attack on the engineers' haka party effectively exposed the raw nerve of racism in New Zealand society The incident resulted in an inquiry by the Race Relations Conciliator and the Human Rights Commission.

Source (adapted): Ranginui Walker, *Ka Whawhai Tonu Matou – Struggle Without End* (Auckland: Penguin, 1990), pp. 221, 222 and 225.

SOURCE G: ‘Blatant racism’: Cruise ship guests given ‘pantomime’ Māori pōwhiri at Port of Tauranga

Cruise ship guests have been welcomed to the Port of Tauranga with a “pantomime pōwhiri” slammed as “blatant racism”.



Tourists greeted at Tauranga port by non-Māori wearing inappropriate costume and face markings.

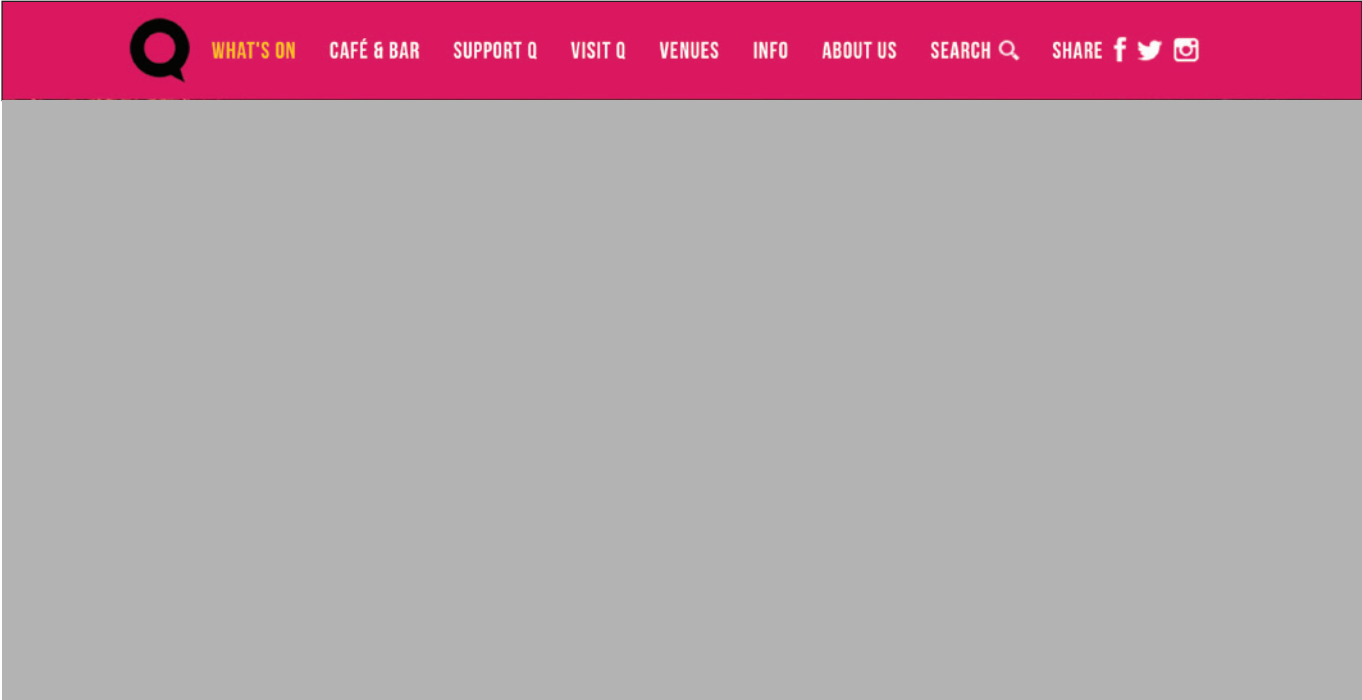
The most infamous, though, could be the University of Auckland School of Engineering’s “haka party”, where students performed their own version of Ka Mate while drunk, with obscenities painted on their bodies and wearing hard hats, boots and grass skirts.

* hoax a plan to trick or deceive someone

**appropriation the act of taking something, usually without permission

Source (adapted): Michael Neilson, *NZ Herald*, 2 December, 2019, https://www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/news/article.cfm?c_id=1&objectid=12290113.

SOURCE H: The Haka Party Incident theatre event



THE HAKA PARTY INCIDENT

The last New Zealand war took place in Auckland in 1979. It lasted 3 minutes.

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“Director Katie Wolfe and her cast have ensured the inescapable truths are honoured with compelling integrity.” – *Theatre* review on *The Navigator* (development season of ***The Haka Party Incident***).

SOURCE I: Mocking the haka: The Haka Party Incident and ‘casual’ racism in New Zealand

An innovative piece of theatre has resurfaced a long forgotten story with a lasting effect on race relations in New Zealand. ...



When asked “why the Haka Party Incident?”, Katie Wolf (Ngāti Tama, Ngāti Mutunga) replied “When I read about it, which was in Ranginui Walker’s book a good 15 years ago, it just struck me that it was this moment where Māori and Pākehā met in a moment of violence and that seemed to me significant. That had to be significant”.

Source (adapted): Simon Day, *The Spinoff*, 17 October, 2017, <https://thespinoff.co.nz/atea/17-10-2017/mocking-the-haka-the-haka-party-incident-and-casual-racism-in-new-zealand/>.

