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## Level 1 History RAS 2023

**92027 Demonstrate understanding of perspectives on a historical context**

# EXEMPLAR

**Achievement**

**TOTAL 04**

## INSTRUCTIONS

The task in this assessment consists of a report that will be submitted digitally as follows:

- a written report (PDF)

OR

- orally (audio file)

OR

- visually (video file).

Choose ONE historical context to respond to the task below. The historical context can be an event, person, place, group of people, or historical movement.

You should aim to write no more than **800 words in total**. (Where an audio/video file is submitted, it should not exceed **4 minutes in total**.)

## ASSESSMENT TASK

**Historical perspectives** may include consideration of an individual or group's historical actions, responses, motivations, experiences, beliefs, values, and concepts.

In what ways do the historical actions of TWO individuals or groups from your chosen historical context demonstrate their perspectives on an event, person, or place?

In your report, you should:

- identify TWO individuals or groups from your chosen historical context
- include historical evidence
- consider the immediate and wider historical context
- explain how the perspectives may differ.

The Tuhoe raids, which are also known as the 'Urewera Raids' were a series of police-conducted anti-terrorism operations. That took place on October 15-16 2007. Specifically targeting the Tuhoe community in suspicion that they were planning to establish an independent era on Tuhoe land as well as conducting weapon-training camps. The police executed searches in Auckland, Hamilton, Palmerston North, and Wellington after 12 months of surveillance of activist groups.

In the end 17 people were arrested but only four were put on trial in February 2012 for participation of a terrorist group and possessing firearms. But the jury didnt accept the former charges due to not enough evidence but were all found guilty of possession of firearms. Two where sentenced to 2 years and a half in prison and the other two were put into home detention for 9 months.

Among those arrested was a Ngai Tuhoe activist Tame Iti, who was one of the two put into prison. Awhita Te Whakaturou - Kohu

*Ngai Tamarawaho. Ruatoki resident.*

"We all got hauled out onto the road after dressing the kids and we were basically put in the car shed and was told to stay there myself and my 14 year old daughter were searched and guarded by armed defenders, me and my children and basically we stayed in there for about nine hours. Our baby was full. He was lucky as he had his kohanga bag with him so that was the only food that we that the kids had all during that time they weren't given water they weren't given nothing."

The police had set up unlawful roadblocks in Ruatoki and Taneatua, detained innocent people and searched private property.

As well as withholding this information about the roadblocks, searches, and raids from local police who might have been immersed with the Tuhoe community.

The motives of the police were indeed particularly due to racial connections. The police actions during this time in the event were about these racial motives.

On the other hand, there was completely baffled and shocked at the terrorist accusations, some believed it was part of a plot to stop the 2013 Tuhoe settlement with the crown. Some were still sadly affected to this day.

“Some Tūhoe people saw this as a body of proof of the anti-Tūhoe stance of the government and the Crown that stretches back to 1850 and there were other Tūhoe people that were severely hurt by the experience,” Mr Kruger said.

In response, Maori and Tuhoe communities began to protest after the event.

There were a number of protests that took place in the Tuhoe community. These events happened soon after the raids, where hundreds of people gathered and participated in showing and expressing their discontent, grievances and frustration regarding the arrests. And feeling, no being targeted by the government and police. From the Tuhoe’s perspective of the raids. These responses (protests) were a way for them to have a say, an opinion, and a voice about the opposition to the unjust actions taken by the authorities.

Eventually, in 2013, the independent police department conduct authority discovered that police had ‘unnecessarily frightened and intimidated’ people during the raids. The current police commissioner back in 2014, Mike Bush travelled to the Tuhoe community and apologised for the mistakes during the raids. Though he didn’t say sorry for the investigation itself, he did show some regret for the event in his speech.

“Especially in respect to searches and detaining people that were unlawful, so we have apologised for that. Also just in the way we actually treated people with disrespect, particularly the innocent people, the young people - the tamariki and mokopuna,” he said at the time.

The Tuhoe community’s perspectives on that were mixed. Though some felt grateful that the police force were trying to make amends with us and their past mistakes, but some didn’t even want an apology such as Ati Teepa’s family/whanau. “We didn’t want them in the home and we didn’t want to meet with them, we didn’t want to be part of what I cynically see as a public relations exercise where they were coming to seek forgiveness from Tūhoe.

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“I don’t know why they had to make such a big song and dance out of something that ould’ve been a private affair,” Mr Teepa said.

Tuhoe communities today feel that they should be allowed to make amends and reconcile with police in their own time when they feel ready to do so. This is how Tuhoe leader Tamati Kruger feels; that was an example of mana motuhake (self-determination) “When you can deal with your own issues you have mana motuhake, when you use your own traditions and customs to do that.”

Others such as Tame Iti who have finally finished his time in prison just wants to leave it in the past.

“Honestly I don’t really want to go back to that and I don’t want to justify and have to explain myself.”

“Moving on, you let go. It happened.” -Tame Iti.

## Achievement

**Subject:** History

**Standard:** 92027

**Total score:** 04

Q	Grade score	Marker commentary
One	A4	The candidate effectively describes the perspectives of the locals on the Tuhoe Raids and their responses to the police actions. The police actions are not explained in enough detail and there is no mention of the wider context.