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Social Studies

National Moderator's Report

National Moderator’s Report for Social Studies

General Guidance for Assessors

The purpose of external moderation is to provide reassurance that teacher judgements are at the national standard and are made on the basis of assessment materials that are fair and valid. All assessment materials are expected to:

- give the student the opportunity to meet the requirements of the standard
- include an assessment schedule that gives evidence of appropriate student responses and clear judgements at all levels.

To help to ensure best assessment practice teachers need to access the Social Studies Specific Resources for Social Studies on the NZQA website: www.nzqa.govt.nz/SocialStudies

The resources on this webpage include:

1. annotated student exemplars
2. clarification of issues with the standards
3. newsletters - current and archived editions
4. previous national moderator reports
5. a link to the TKI resources

Achievement Standard: 91040

Conclusions are only required for Excellence in this standard.

Achievement Standard: 90275 and 90274

Basing assessments on a current rather than historic issue allows students to more readily provide appropriate evidence for these standards.

Assessment schedule development

Assessment resources on the TKI website are fit-for-purpose. It is recommended that when modifying or designing their own assessment material including the assessment schedule teachers use the TKI resources for guidance to ensure the intent of the standard at each grade level has been maintained.

<p>The National Moderator reports will be replaced by newsletters and clarifications documents from 2012.</p>
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