

A Maori Creation Story

LI: Identify and summarise the main ideas in the text

SC: Put the pictures in the right order and write a few sentences underneath each one to summarise the story - use the video to help you.

The first picture is done for you :)

Vocabulary: Papatuanuku, Ranginui, Tawhiri-matea, Tane, earth mother, sky father, embrace, complaining, separate, greenery, forest, crevice, fury, perilous
Tane Mahuta, whiti mai te ra





1. Papatuanuku (Earth Mother) Ranginui (Sky Father) and how the heavens and earth were created. In the beginning lived the earth mother. And the sky father, they dwelt together in each other's embrace



2. In between them lived their children but their children lived in darkness. They had to crawl between narrow spaces between the parents, so they had never seen the light, neither had they stood.



After much complaining one of the sons came up with the plan that he would separate his parents. His name called Tane. Tane placed his feet against his father and with his hands he placed and his shoulders he placed against his mother.



With all Tane's might he began to push and push. Pushing his father into the sky, separating his parents.



3. To cover his mothers nakedness, Tane was charged with clothing her with all the beautiful greenery, with the forest and bird life.



4.

He became known as Tane-Mahuta, The God of forest



5.

Because of the longing for his beloved , Rangi the sky father would cry down his tears from the heavens, his tears would fill up the many crevices. Now, there was one brother that wasn't happy that Tane had separated his parents.



6.

His name was Tawiri-matea. The God of the winds And the storms and rain and he would blow down his fury from the heavens, the perilous storms.

7.



8.

"Whiti mai te ra" means "Let the sunshine through" what Tane did It allowed light and life to come into the world. And therefore was the Creation of the maoris.
