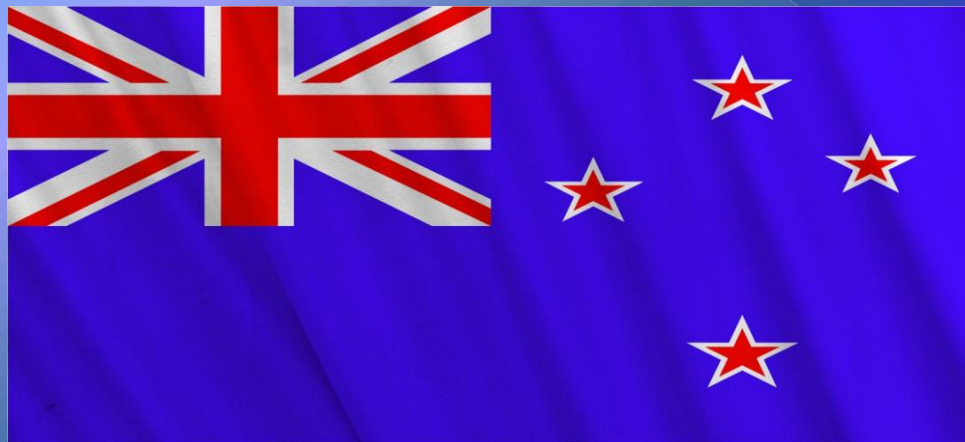


New Zealand



About New Zealand

New Zealand is made up of two large islands, the north island and the south island . It also consists of other smaller Islands . The first people to settle in New Zealand were the Maori people they came from the Polynesian Islands north of New Zealand.



The Maoris

The Maori people were the first to settle in New Zealand. They first called it Aotearoa.

Which means land of the long white cloud.

They hunted a bird called Moa. It was a big bird, bigger than an ostrich. It provided meat for them to eat.

It is extinct now. The national bird of New Zealand is the Kiwi bird.



Body Art

Many Maori wore body art [tattoos.]

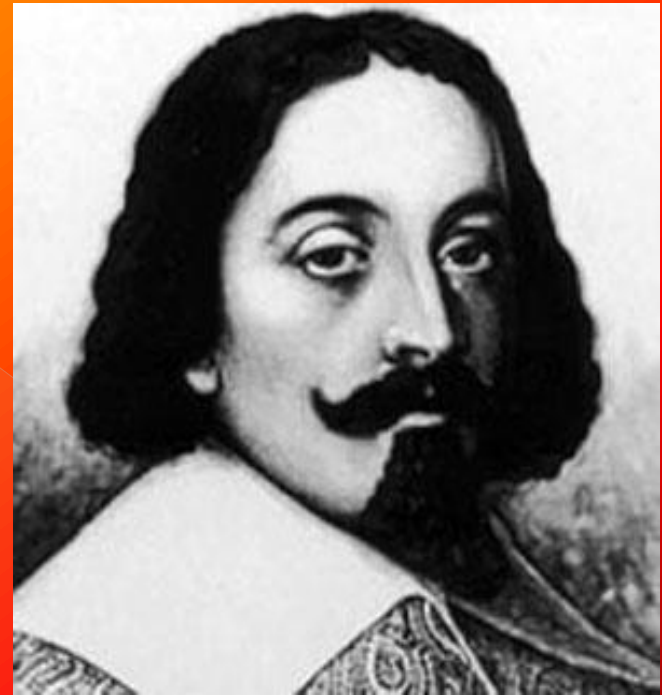
Men wore tattoos all over their face and on other parts of their body . Women wore them on their chin and lips .



Abel Tasman

A European explorer from Holland , named Abel Tasman , sailed to New Zealand in 1642.

When Tasman and his crew tried to land in New Zealand the Maori would not allow it and they had to sail down the coast.



Captain James Cook

In 1770, a British explorer named Captain James Cook landed in New Zealand. He was the first person to realise that New Zealand was made up of two large islands. He also drew a map of New Zealand which is very close to the one we use today.

