

MAIN POINTS ABOUT THE TREATY

A Treaty is.....

- ▲ A treaty, in international law, is an agreement between sovereign nations
 - ⇒ sovereign: having ultimate authority
 - ⇒ treaties are not between cultural groups
- ▲ A treaty is primarily a political agreement
 - ⇒ that is, it is about power
- ▲ Māori text prevails in international law

Te Tiriti o Waitangi says.....

- ▲ Affirms (existing) hapū rights
 - ⇒ retain sovereignty (Article 2)
 - ⇒ retain control of land (Article 2)
 - ⇒ culture will be protected (Article 4)
- ▲ Promises Māori rights that British have (Article 3)
- ▲ Establishes government (Article 1)

Treaty is for tauiwi

- ▲ To provide legitimate government
 - ⇒ for Europeans already here
 - ⇒ for those expected to migrate here
- ▲ To minimise worst effects of colonisation by Europeans
 - ⇒ so that positive relations would continue
- ▲ Māori rights are as first peoples of Aotearoa

Treaty is not Colonisation

- ▲ Today, 'Treaty' issues (grievances, claims, settlements) are due to colonisation
 - ⇒ they would be issues today even if there had not been a Treaty
- ▲ Equity strategies address colonisation
 - ⇒ equity is about fair, just outcomes

Treaty is about relationships

