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Kaiārahi resource: Guess my career activity

Career 1

Description

This career required people who had great survival skills. They excelled in using weapons and had the orientation skills to find their way through dense bush over long periods. This career was essential for the survival of your tūpuna, as it was through using these skills your tūpuna were able to source food from the land.

Which tūpuna career is this?

Answer – Hunter

(Ringa raupā/doer)

Supporting question

Name three things that would be different from the times of your tūpuna when hunting today.

Key careers understanding

Careers evolve over time

Kaiārahi discussion notes

Careers change through time. The kinds of jobs our grandparents had and the jobs we have today are very different. We need to adapt our skills to new ways of doing things. For example, when hunting today we might use a GPS instrument, a four-wheel drive vehicle and wear high-vis jackets. These things weren't around in the times of our tūpuna.

- What are other examples of how careers evolve?
- What kinds of jobs did your grandparents have?
- How would you do their jobs today?

Show rangatahi how careers have evolved.

- [Kaupapa Māori career ideas](#)

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Career 2

Description

The people who carried out this role were people of great practical wisdom with a good understanding of whakapapa. They held authority on behalf of the tribe and were able to resolve conflict with neighbouring hapū and iwi. The greater the deed, or heroism and bravery in battle, the more respect they would gain not only for themselves but also for their hapū and iwi.

Which tūpuna career is this?

Answer – Leader

(Toitōi manawa/influencer)

Supporting questions

- What makes a positive role model?
 - Name a positive role model and tell us what qualities you think they have.
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Key careers understanding

Workplaces look for specific qualities in people.

Kaiārahi discussion notes

A quality is a particular character trait that someone displays. These are often described as part of someone's personality, for example, being kind, responsible, reliable, honest, fun-loving. Often people will see qualities in us through our actions, for example, if we always turn up to work on time we may be described as punctual or reliable.

- What qualities do you look for in a friend? in a teacher? in a workmate?
- What kinds of actions show you that they have that quality?
- What kinds of qualities do you think employers look for?

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Career 3

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Your tūpuna were great explorers, travelling extraordinary distances. To do this, it was crucial that they had people with specific skills that would help them to find their destination. These skills included being able to read the tides and the position of the sun, moon and stars. The types of birds and fish surrounding them during their journey also provided information on which way to travel.

Which tūpuna career is this?

Answer – Navigator
(Ngākau pūmahara/thinker)

Supporting question

Name three challenges you think your tūpuna would have encountered during their journey and how they would have overcome these challenges.

Key careers understanding

There are always challenges associated with any career pathway.

Kaiārahi discussion notes

Challenges are a part of life and there will be challenges along your career pathway. Your tūpuna faced challenges like bad weather, waka damage, and lack of food. Some challenges may have been expected, and others may have been a surprise. Despite this, they kept going and arrived at their destination.

- How do you feel when you come up against a challenge?
- What qualities do we need to overcome challenges? (courage, perseverance, faith, determination, hope)
- What helps you to overcome challenges?

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Career 4

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Your tūpuna liked to ensure that moments in history were remembered so that the following generations knew of these events and the people involved.

One way of carrying these messages over time was through composing waiata. What would we call a person today who creates waiata?

Which tūpuna career is this?

Answer – Composer
(Ringa rehe/creator)

Supporting question

Why do you think preserving moments of history was important to your tūpuna?

Key careers understanding

Consider how your career contributes to future generations.

Kaiārahi discussion notes

Your tūpuna were always thinking about the next generation in terms of handing down knowledge and events in waiata, whakairo and oral stories. Consider how your career will affect others and what kind of contribution you would like to make to the world through your career.

It may be by bringing particular skills to your whānau or iwi, or even by making a difference to the environment to ensure it is safe for others to enjoy after you. Likewise, Māori culture and language is unique to this country and the world, and it is part of your inheritance.

You may wish to consider including Māori language and culture as part of your own career pathway.

- Who is someone that you think has made a difference through their career?
- Do you think it is necessary and important to consider your contribution to others through your career?
- Are Māori language and culture an important aspect of your career journey at the moment?

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Career 5

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Traditionally this career was carried out by people who were known as tohunga or experts. Tohunga would teach students who had been carefully selected. Each student who attended these schools did so under the strictest supervision. The instruction given by the tohunga was oral and students had to memorise it word by word.

Which tūpuna career is this?

Answer – Teacher
(Whakaruruhau/helper)

Supporting question

When deciding on a career it is important to think about how the job fits with your own values. If you wanted a career where you were teaching and supporting others, what are some core values you would need to have?

Key careers understanding

Choose career pathways that align with your values.

Kaiārahi discussion notes

Values are our own inner beliefs about life and how we should do things. When we do things contrary to our values, we usually feel uncomfortable. Some values are more important to some people than to others.

Sometimes we don't know what our own values are until we are faced with a challenging situation.

- What are some values that are important to you?
- What do you think are the values of your whānau or friends? Do their values affect you?
- What kinds of careers align with your values?

Show rangatahi some careers that may align with their values.

- [Kaupapa Māori career ideas](#)

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Career 6

Description

We normally identify harakeke as a natural resource used to make kete and putiputi. However, harakeke was important to your tūpuna for many reasons, including protecting them from the weather. Your tūpuna created a strong fibre from harakeke that they used to create hats, raincoats and shoes. For this career they had to be very patient, understand numbers and be good at following clear processes.

Which tūpuna career is this?

Answer – Weaver
(Pou whirinaki/organiser)

Supporting question

The skills needed to be a weaver are also transferable skills, meaning you can use them in different settings. Name two jobs that would use these types of skills and qualities today.

Key careers understanding

Know your transferable skills.

Kaiārahi discussion notes

A skill is something we have learned to do and practice so we can do it reasonably well. Transferable skills are skills we can use in a range of different contexts.

Transferable skills may refer to some kind of activity or task we can do. They also include things like being able to solve problems, organise people or events, work with others and finish tasks on time. You do not have to have work experience to have transferable skills.

- What kinds of transferable skills do you have?
- How can these skills help you on your career journey