

Te Kāhui Mātauranga o Puke Ariki

Pre-visit information

Plymouth Company 2021

New Entrants - Year 10

All Year



From 1841 the organized European settlement of New Plymouth began. By the end of 1843, six ships had transported over 1000 people to the shores of New Plymouth, New Zealand. The interactive *Plymouth Company* exhibition explores what conditions were like on board these ships including realistic smell stations, porthole windows displaying records of each ships journey, numerous quotes from various settler experiences, artefacts from the original European settlers, and simulated moving rats!

In this lesson students will learn about what it was like for European children and their families to travel across the world to start a new life. Key questions that will be explored include 'why they came', 'what the journey was like' and 'what New Plymouth was like when they arrived'. Older students will also learn about the important role Māori (Mana Whenua) had in helping the unprepared settler community and the pressures settlers put onto them to acquire land.

New Zealand Curriculum Links:

Social Studies: This topic covers many elements of Social Studies Level 1-5

Technology: Nature of Technology: This topic covers elements of the Characteristics of Technology Levels 1-5.

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Key Competencies

- Thinking
- Managing self
- Relating to others

Key Questions

- Why did people choose to migrate to New Zealand?
- What were the conditions like on board the ships that sailed to New Plymouth?
- What were names of six ships that brought people from England to New Plymouth called?
- How was life different in New Plymouth to what they had been told prior to departing?
- How dependant were the early settler ships occupants on local māori when they arrived?
- What were some of the events and actions that disadvantaged Māori during early European settlement?

Weblinks

[Biography: Edward Gibbon Wakefield](#)

[British & Irish immigration, 1840 -1914](#)

[New Plymouth Kete includes lots of info such as origins of NP Street Names](#)

[Waitapu Urupa influenza memorial, New Plymouth](#)

[Te Māori i te ohanga-Māori in the economy](#)

Puke Ariki Education Resources online:

Taranaki Stories:

[A Cairn that tells a tragic tale - the sad story of William Marshall](#)

[Letters to family from recent Immigratnts to New Plymouth.](#)

[Frederic Carrington Part 1](#)

[Frederic Carrington Part 2](#)

[The Perfect Settler - Sir Harry Atkinson](#)

Puke Ariki library:

- Lambert R & Henry G. *Taranaki an illustrated History*, Auckland, Reed Publishing, 2000.
- Puke Ariki. *Taranaki Fortunes: lost and won*, Puke Ariki, 2009.
- A large amount of easily accessible and photocopiable information including diary entries, newspaper clippings and articles can be found in the **Taranaki Research Centre** in the vertical files. Searching under the settler ship names. For example [settler ships passenger lists](#).

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