

# Maori

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## Maori

- Indigenous Polynesian people of New Zealand
- Settlers from eastern Polynesia (between 1250 & 1300 BCE)
- Tribal groups

## Culture

### - **Polynesian culture** (Traditional)

-*Tapu*: Denoting something holy or sacred

e.g Things or places which are taps must be left alone. In some cases, they should not even be spoken of

-*Noa*: Blessing

e.g A new house day, may have a “*noa*” ceremony to remove “*tapu*”, in order to make the home safe before the family moves in.

-*Mana*: Influence and authority

e.g Through birth and warfare to obtain mana for a group

### - **Christianity** (Arrival of Europeans)

-Catholic

-Anglican

-**Methodist**

-Islam(the fastest growing religion among Māoris)

## **Occupational Specializations**

- Spring: Hunting – prepare meat for upcoming winter
- Summer: Fishing, Gathering of shell-fish
- Fall: Harvest of crops
- Winter: Build Infrastructure

## **Agricultural intensification**

- Crops Maori plants: Canes, Taros, Potatoes
- Animals Maori hunts: Pigs, Dogs, Mouse, Moa
- Seafood: Crabs, Eels, Lobsters
- Maori sometimes eat their conquered enemies.

## **Language & Art**

### **Maori language (*official language*)**

-After 1890(arrival of Europeans) children be taught in English

### **No writing language**

-Important information was memorized and passed down verbally through the generations

## **Moko**

- Tattoo
- ID, whakapapa
- More moko, higher level

## **Haka**

## **Trade**

### **Lived in villages, small sub-tribe**

- Hapu & iwi
- Ancestry, intermarriage and trade strengthened relationships
- United to gather food & resources
- Warfare made groups become competitor relationship (prestige and authority)

### **After European arrive**

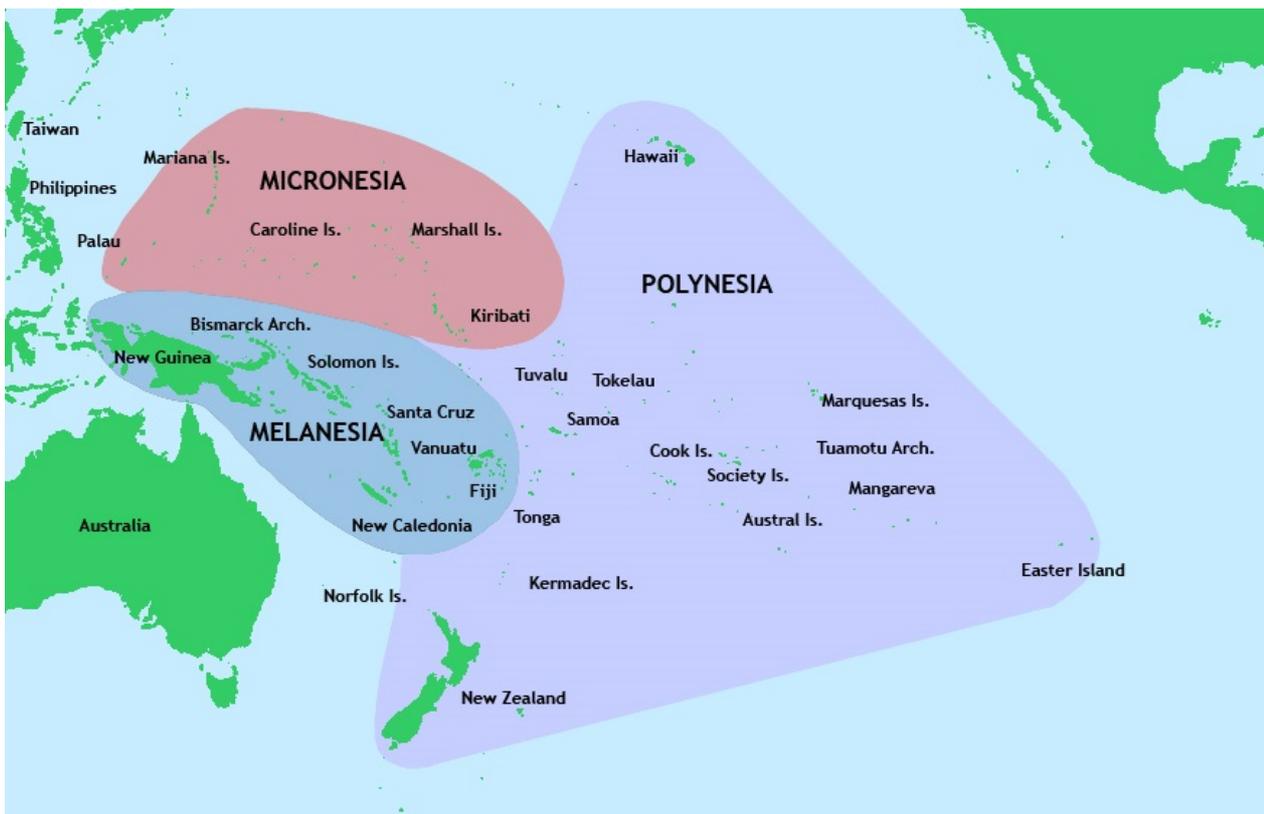
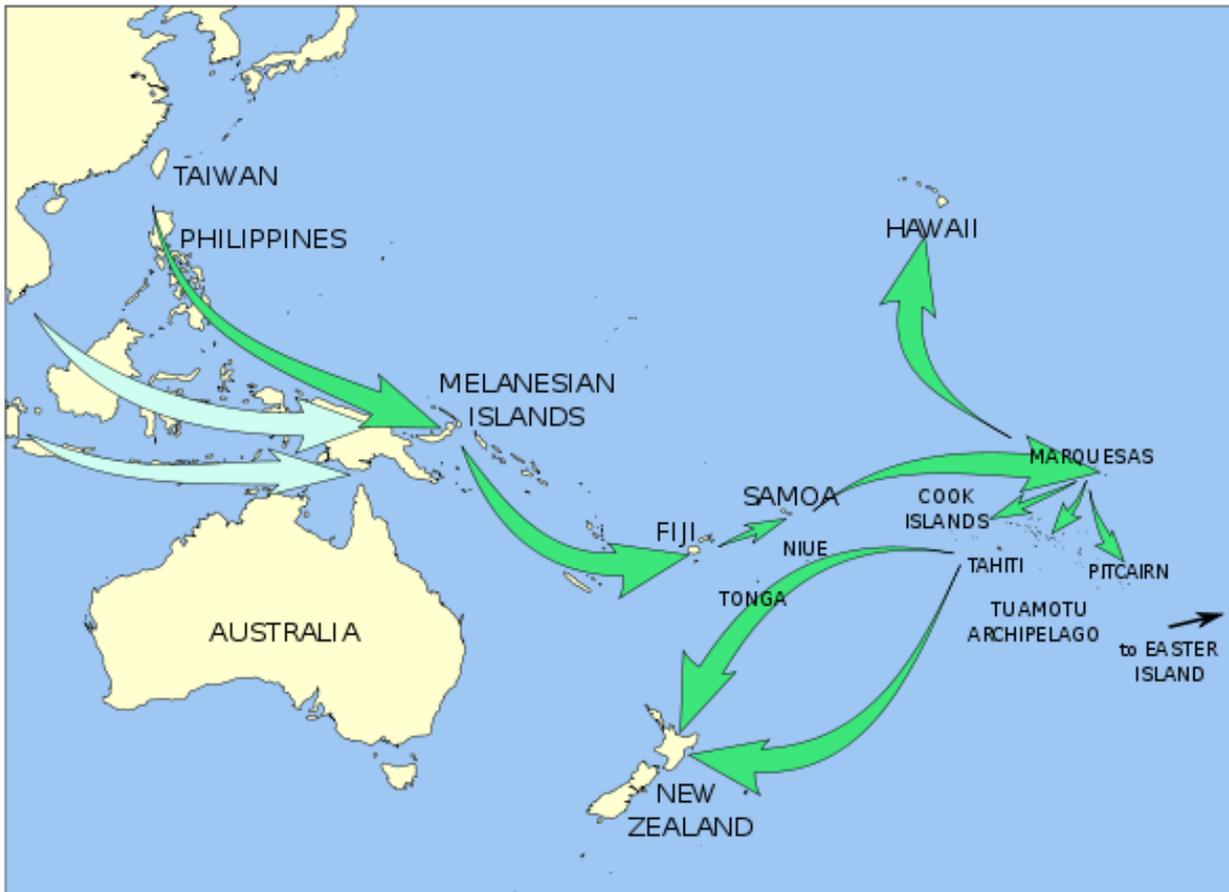
- Introduced tools, weapons, clothing and foods (*Exchange for labour, land & resources*)
- Adopting European clothing and food, and later Western education, religion and architecture

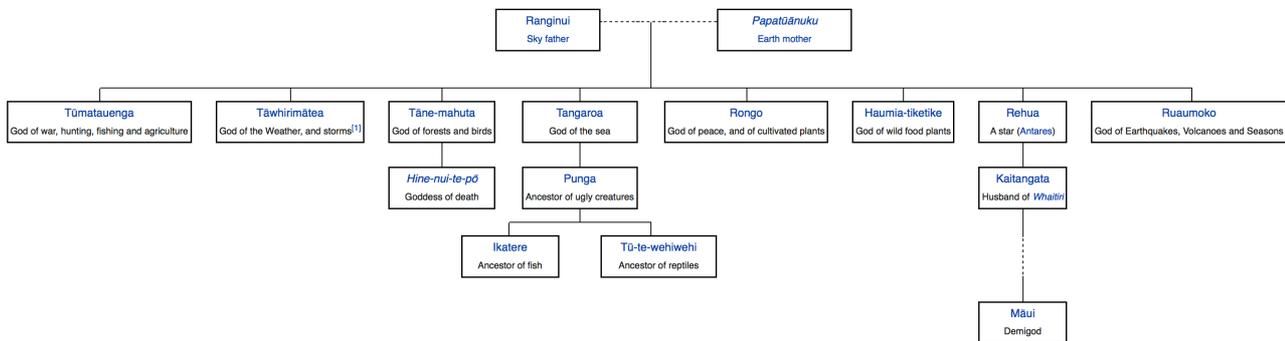
## **Class Structure**

- Upperclass(Chief,craftsmen,stonemason)
- Villagers(Farmers)
- Slaves

## **Centralized Government**

- Tribe 3
- Sub-tribe
- Family





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