

# NEW ZEALAND POLITICS

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## Course Description

New Zealand politics will be studied in the context of the history of New Zealand, and a comparison between the cultural values of New Zealand and the United States of America.

## Course Outline

The course requires a commitment of 120 hours over a 36-week educational year.

### Method

The learning in this course will be undertaken by reading the two primary resources, conducting research as required by the assessment questions, and completing the course assessment.

### Resources

The primary resources will be:

- *The Penguin History of New Zealand*, by Michael King
- *Fairness and Freedom: A History of Two Open Societies: New Zealand and the United States*, by David Hackett Fischer

Other resources will be consulted as required.

### Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the course, the student will have gained a sound understanding New Zealand's history and government system, as well as a comparison of the cultural values of New Zealand and the United States.

## Assessment

Assessment will comprise three essays and an oral presentation, each contributing 25% to the final grade.

### Essay 1

*What events in New Zealand's early history shaped the nation's culture?*

Marking Guide	Spelling & Grammar	5
	Layout & Presentation	5
	Writing & Penmanship	5
	Is the essay structured well?	15
	Is the question answered thoroughly?	20
	What evidence is presented to support the conclusions?	25
	Does the essay demonstrate an understanding of the source material?	25
	<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>
	Percentage of Final Grade	25

### Essay 2

*Describe New Zealand's system of government.*

Marking Guide	Spelling & Grammar	5
	Layout & Presentation	5
	Writing & Penmanship	5
	Is the essay structured well?	15
	Is the question answered thoroughly?	20
	How well is the evolution of the system of government described?	25
	Does the essay demonstrate an understanding of the source material?	25
	<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>
	Percentage of Final Grade	25

### Essay 3

What is your assessment of David Hackett Fischer's assertion regarding New Zealand and the USA's primary cultural values?

Marking Guide	Spelling & Grammar	5
	Layout & Presentation	5
	Writing & Penmanship	5
	Is the question answered thoroughly?	25
	What evidence does Fischer present to support his conclusions?	30
	Does the essay demonstrate an understanding of the source material?	30
	<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>
Percentage of Final Grade		25

### Oral Presentation

Choose a topic that has interested you, and make a 5-minute presentation.

Marking Guide	Vocabulary	10
	Rhetorical skills	30
	Is the topic well-researched?	30
	Does the presentation demonstrate an understanding of the source material?	30
	<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>
	Percentage of Final Grade	

## Agreement

### Teacher

I commit to providing guidance in all aspects of this course, to discussing primary and secondary resources with the student in order to aid understanding, and to giving clear direction in the preparation of assessments.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### Student

I commit to reading the course books diligently, preparing the assignments in a timely manner, and conducting additional research as required. I will do my best and ask for help when I need it.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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