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Our kōrero tuku iho – Our stories

Our kōrero tuku iho foster a shared set of perspectives, value and history. Through these kōrero, we are connected to one another, to our ancestors, to the natural world surrounding us, and to society; and, in our stories, which have universal themes, we are connected to other cultures.

Through the respected characters within them, our stories establish our culture's customs, rituals, religious tenets, laws, social structures, power hierarchies, territorial claims, arts and crafts, holidays and other recurring events, hunting, fishing, and other endeavours. Our kōrero tuku iho offer role models for us to follow. In particular, children model themselves after heroes; rugby players, sports champions or local leaders. Adults too can find role models in each story's strength, persistence, and courage.

In this activity, your whānau will explore the kōrero tuku iho of your whānau.



1. Start by arranging a whānau gathering and ask each whānau member to select a waiata, moteatea, whakatauākī and purakau that they would like to share.
2. Your whānau may wish to spread this activity over a number of whānau evenings. This would be great because our identity as a people is carried in our reo, our purakau, our waiata and so forth. It can be very enjoyable especially for the younger members of the whānau to hear stories of their whenua.
3. There are a number of ways to run this activity, for example, whānau members could be asked to act out a story, kōrero, proverb or they could make a poster. They could also compose a song or poem.