All names of students and schools in this work are fictitious

Student 2: High Merit

Wahanga Tuatahi: Hīria

What information is given about Hīria's father and his views on education?

Her parents live on family land. Her dad left school when was just 15 years old as he needed to suppport his family. Her dad's an axeman. As he has no school qualifications he wants her to get an education in Auckland.

What concerns does Hīria have about her education?

Hīria knows the reason she is at boarding school but she is still lonely for her family. Miriama her sister goes to the local school where she learns about tikanga Māori for her tribe. Hīria gets jealous hearing her sister using te reo with her koro and nanny. Hīria wants a city education but what about learning the ways of home?

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Why does Hīria use the whakataukī, "Te tamaiti ākona ki te kāinga, tū ki te marae, tau ana"?

The proverb means a person who learns at home can stand confidently on the marae. They know what to do because they have learnt on the marae. When Hīria returns home and goes with her family to marae hui and she sees her younger sister know what to do there. She doesn't know tikanga and marae jobs and so feels like she is stranger on her own marae. Example: "tau ana ōku tēina engari he tauhou ahau".

Wahanga Tuarua: Rehutai

What do Rehutai and her school friends disagree about?

"He āhua pōrangi ahau". Most of Rehutai's friends think she is crazy to move away from home. It's summer and time to have fun and be happy. They think she is crazy to be a poor student and have debts.

How does Rehutai use the whakataukī, "Whāia te pae tawhiti kia tata, whāia te pae tata kia maua" to support her opinion? Support your answer with evidence:

This proverb is about following your dreams even though the going gets tough. Rehutai wants to get a job with status that pays a lot. She is moving to Wānui for the summer to work in a supermarket to save money for her goal of being a doctor. Studying medicine is very expensive she wants to save money to help with the move to town, find a flat.

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