

Student 3: Low Merit

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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 at 15 years to help out the family. Her dad works in the bush with an axe. He left school with no qualifications so he wants his daughter to go to Auckland.

What concerns does Hīria have about her education?

Hīria knows why she was sent to boarding school but she still misses her family. Miriama her sister goes to the local school in Harikoa. In Hīria's opinion her sister's school is good. Her sister is learning about their tribe's customs. Hearing her sister speak te reo with her grandparents makes Hīria jealous.

Why does Hīria use the whakataukī, "*Te tamaiti ākona ki te kāinga, tū ki te marae, tau ana*"? Support your answer with evidence:

A person who learns at home is able to stand on the marae (3). They know what to do on the marae. At the marae her younger sister knows what to do and Hīria feels like she stranger.

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Wahanga Tuarua: Nīkora

What does Nīkora say about school?

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Science is his favourite subject, but she likes most subjects (he pai ki ahau te nuinga). He knows some students who think every subject at school is boring, they talk instead of listening to the teacher. He loves his friends but doesn't agree with how they act. There is a proverb that says the bird who eats knowledge owns the world.

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What are Nīkora's thoughts about his future?

He has many friends and wants to be Head Boy. The proverb means a kumara doesn't talk about how sweet it is. People tell him he has leadership potential. Him and his friends want to be All Blacks, and talk about it together out of class. He doesn't know what he wants to do. Maybe a scientist for the sea.

What issue is facing Nīkora's community and how has this affected Nīkora

His parents have spoken about strangers wanting to look for oil in the sea by them. Nīkora thinks this might pollute the waters of Tangaroa (god of the sea) and his children (fishes). He can be an All Black and look after Tangaroa and his children.

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