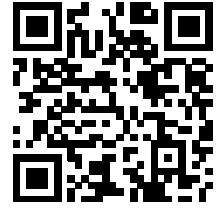


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# Early New Zealand Land Conflicts



The Māori are the indigenous \_\_\_\_\_ of New Zealand, known in their language as Aotearoa. Before the \_\_\_\_\_ of European settlers, they lived in tribal communities, each with its own \_\_\_\_\_. These lands were not just places to live; they held deep spiritual significance, being \_\_\_\_\_ grounds that connected them to their history and identity. The arrival of \_\_\_\_\_ in the late 18th century marked the beginning of a dramatic change. Land became a major source of \_\_\_\_\_, as settlers sought to acquire land for farming and settlement. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Waitangi, signed in 1840, was supposed to protect Māori rights, promising them \_\_\_\_\_ over their lands, forests, and fisheries. However, misunderstandings and \_\_\_\_\_ in interpretation led to numerous disputes. As settlers' demand for land increased, the government began \_\_\_\_\_ Māori land, often through means that were not fully understood or agreed upon by Māori leaders. This resulted in significant \_\_\_\_\_ of land for many tribes, sparking several wars and conflicts known as the New Zealand Land \_\_\_\_\_. These battles were not just for land but were also a struggle for \_\_\_\_\_, identity, and survival of Māori culture and way of life. Over time, various laws were introduced to \_\_\_\_\_ land ownership and use, many of which disadvantaged the \_\_\_\_\_. It wasn't until the late 20th century that the government began to address these injustices, offering \_\_\_\_\_ and returning some lands. Today, the issue of land rights remains a vital aspect of the \_\_\_\_\_ between the New Zealand government and the Māori, reflecting a broader struggle for recognition, \_\_\_\_\_, and reconciliation.

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