

Dawn Raids

Task: Plan & write an information report about the Dawn Raids You will need to plan your writing below which will include the information you wish to use in your writing.

Once you have finished your writing check it against the checklist at the bottom of the page

Export your writing as a pdf file and post it on your blog

Make sure your writing is of a year 7 & 8 quality

Written notes

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In the 1970s the New Zealand police went to the homes of Pacific Islanders who they believed had overstayed their visas or work permits. Many people were sent back to the Pacific Islands. The police would often arrive very early in the morning and so they became known as the dawn raids.	From the 1950s to 1970s, migration from the Pacific to Aotearoa was encouraged to support New Zealand's manufacturing and primary production sectors. New Zealand's economy then suffered a downturn from the early 1970s and Pacific peoples were specifically targeted due to perceptions they were causing job shortages and other social harms.	Many of these people would never return back to New Zealand. For others, it would take years before they were able to legally return back to New Zealand as during the 70's there was a feeling that they were no longer wanted and the now strict rules for immigrants. The Polynesian Panthers did not see the raids as the end and still wanted to continue to help their Pacific community and the issues that many still faced.
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Introduction

Kia ora, Malo e lelei, Talofa lava, and greetings to you all. My name is Swaimah and today I will be writing an informational report about Dawn raids. In the 1970s the New Zealand police went to the homes of Pacific Islanders who they believed had overstayed their visas or work permits. Many people were sent back to the Pacific Islands. The police would often arrive very early in the morning and so they became known as the dawn raids.

Why were Pacific people targeted during the Dawn raids?

The Dawn Raids were when the police in New Zealand went to people's homes to find and deport those who were staying in the country illegally. The police mostly targeted Pacific Islanders, who were thought to be more likely to be staying illegally. This was because many Pacific Islanders had come to New Zealand to work in low-paying jobs, and some people thought they were taking jobs away from locals and causing more crime. The Dawn Raids were racist and hurt Pacific Islander communities.



What was the Purpose of the dawn raids?

The government wanted to find and deport people who were staying in New Zealand illegally. They thought that too many people were coming to New Zealand and wanted to keep the country mostly white. But the police mostly targeted Pacific Islanders, who they thought were more likely to be staying illegally. Some of the peoples passports have expired or either they have stayed in New Zealand for a long time that they were supposed to. The government thought it would be a good idea to go to peoples houses at dawn and ask for their passports. Some people have refused to show their passports to the police and they went straight to the police cell.



Who started the dawn raids in NZ?

The dawn raids were put down in New Zealand from 1973 to 1979 and then hardly afterward they announced illegal overstayers from the Pacific Islands. The Dawn raids started in 1973 by Prime Minister Norman Kirk, who stopped them in April 1974. Prime Minister Norman Kirk is the one who started the dawn raids in NZ. He wanted the people in NZ who are overstayers to be in jail for the rest of their lives. It's so mean of him to do this to innocent people who didn't know that they were overstayers.



Jacinda Ardern's Apology to the people who went through the dawn raids

In 2021, New Zealand Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern formally apologised for the Dawn Raids and the harm they caused to Pacific Islander communities. She acknowledged that the raids had lasting effects on families and communities. The apology was an important step towards healing for those affected by the Dawn Raids. During the three-hour ceremony, Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern took part in a modified ifoga, a traditional Samoan ceremony of apology and the asking or receiving of forgiveness. Prime minister Jacinda Ardern was so sorry for those who went through the Dawn raids. Jacinda Ardern was emotional during her speech. She tried her best to ask for forgiveness from the Polynesian Panthers.



Conclusion

The poor people from the dawn raids are now safe in NZ again. Jacinda ardern made an apology for what had happened, she wanted the Polynesian panthers, and the rest of the people from the dawn raid to forgive her. They obviously forgave her. The poor Polynesians had to go through a really hard time in their lives, mostly the young children not knowing what was happening. Thank you very much for listening to my story about Dawn raids. Hope you enjoyed it! Ka kite!

Information Report Checklist

Present tense	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Uses action verbs (climb, eat, jump)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Uses linking verbs (is, are, has, have)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
May include diagrams, photos, illustrations or maps to support information	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Uses factual descriptive language (size, shape, colour, habits, etc.)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Uses technical or scientific language	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Is organised appropriately (opening statement, body paragraphs, summary)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Includes supporting evidence (facts, examples, quotes)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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