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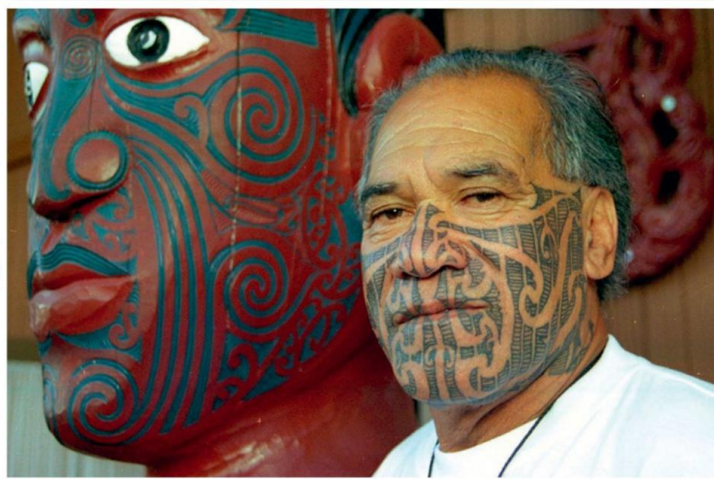
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Moko more than tattoo

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▲ Maori elder with traditional facial tattoos

- 1_ Moko is a visual representation of a person's genealogical links, personal achievements and connections to people and places of the heart. Moko for many Maori is a rite of passage, something which is earned or passed down from generation to generation.
- 5_ I have a moko and it is not a tattoo. I'm proud of it, it graces my body and it represents my whakapapa (genealogy). I don't see my moko as a bit of ink placed on my body, as a decoration or a fashion statement. It tells the story of who I am, where I've come from and, with my children represented in my moko, where my future lies.

1. Before reading:

Why do you think people get tattooed? Have you ever considered it yourself?

Because it's beautiful, for attention, to remember a life event...

I have never considered/ I have already considered...

2. Present the document:

The document is an article that was published on Thursday May 30 in 2003 in

the Rotorua Daily Post.

3. Find the translation in the text for:

liens généalogiques: genealogical links

être fier: be proud

où est mon avenir: where my future lies

4. Explain the title of the article

Because it is a tradition, it represents the family of Maori people.

5. True or false? Highlight the justification in the text.

Moko is considered identical to modern tattooing techniques.

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Moko serves as a representation of an individual's genealogy and social status.

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Receiving a moko is a rite of passage in Māori tradition.

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Moko designs are chosen randomly without specific meanings.

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Moko has no spiritual significance in Māori culture.

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