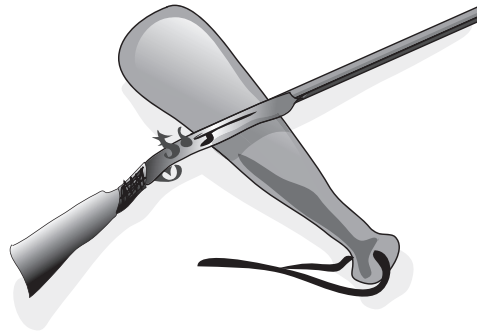


Text Structure and Language Features: Example 2



Text Structure - Historical Recount

HONGI HIKA

Orientation

Hongi Hika was a famous Maori warrior and leader. He was born in Northland in 1772.

Provides background information

In his life he fought many battles and helped his tribe spread the use of muskets. He knew that these guns would help them win battles. He also taught his people how to use different tools to get better food crops. He visited England in 1820, where he helped to write a Maori dictionary.

Record of events

Then, in May 1827, he fought a fierce battle against the people of Whangaroa. Hongi was shot in the chest with a gunshot from a musket, but he did not die in this battle.

He tried to keep on planning battles, but he became very sick. Finally, in 1828, he died from the bullet wound.

Reorientation

Hongi Hika is still remembered today by his people as a great leader.

Language Features

Use of sentences

Use of action verbs, e.g. fought, spread, win, died

Use of past tense, regular e.g. visited, helped
irregular, e.g. knew, taught

Use of adverbial phrases to say when and where, e.g. in 1827, in Northland

Use of time connectives to sequence events, e.g. then, finally

Use of word families (collocations) to build topic, e.g. warrior, battle, musket, die, fought

Use of nouns to name people, places and things, e.g. Hongi Hika, warrior

Use of conjunctions, e.g. and, (additive) but (contrastive)