

Whale Rider

A Maori Coming of Age Story

GLOSSARY OF MAORI WORDS

Haka - Dance

Karakia - Prayer

Karanga - Call

Kaumatua - Elder

Marae - Meeting place

Mau rakau - Stick fighting

Moko/Mokopuna - Grandchild

Rangatira - Chief

Taiaha - Fighting stick

Tapu - Sacred

Te Reo - Maori language

Tikanga - Customs

Waka - Canoe

Whakapapa - Genealogy

Wharenui - Meeting house

Answer the following questions neatly and in full and complete sentences.

1. Who does Pai live with? _____

2. Does Porourangi leave Koro? _____

3. Does Koro want a grandson or granddaughter? Why? _____

4. Why does Pai live with her grandparents? _____

5. Does Koro like Pai? _____



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6. Why does Koro throw the whale bone into the water? _____

7. Who finds the whale bone that Koro threw into the water? _____

8. What similarities are there between Pai and Koro? _____

9. Why did Koro so desperately want a male leader to succeed him? _____

10. When does Koro realize that Pai is Paikē, the 'Whale Rider'? _____

11. Is Pai afraid to die? _____

12. How is the community different at the end of the movie? _____

