



Flag a Hot Current Events Topic For Year 9s and 10s...

... and win your school a special guest to finish the year in style

The **NZflag.com** Trust – which is leading a debate about whether it is time to change the New Zealand flag – invites all Year 9 and 10 students to participate in the discussion by writing an essay on ‘Why New Zealand Should Change Its Flag’. Inspire and engage your students with a fun activity, perfect for Term 4 – the great prizes are an added bonus!

- For the national winner, an all-expenses paid day at Weta Workshop in Wellington (including air fares and accommodation for the winner and a friend/chaperone).
- For the regional winners, their essays published and gift packs from NZflag.com.
- For the school with the most students participating (on a percentage basis): an eminent visitor drawn from NZflag.com’s endorser list.

“The national flag is an important element of the way New Zealand portrays itself internationally. New Zealanders need to debate whether the present one, with its Union Jack-inspired emphasis on heritage and tradition, is the image we still wish to present. Or whether we now see ourselves in a different light, as part of a different culture, as seems to be the view of the country’s Olympic athletes ... This is a pertinent time to be discussing the flag. Let the debate begin.”

NZ Herald editorial, 13 August 2004

How do your Year 9s and 10s want New Zealand to be portrayed to the world?

At **www.nzflag.com** you’ll find plenty of resource information – including essays; press clippings; endorsements for change from leading New Zealanders; and a nine-lesson unit on a new flag prepared by Auckland social studies HOD Julie Coughlan. A great resource for 2005:

Identification: How well do you know the New Zealand flag?

Flag study: Why do we have a national flag?

Judging issues: Let’s fly a new flag with pride.

“I’m a young musician who is very proud of our country. I think New Zealand deserves a new flag so that it can re-establish itself as a unique country with unique visual identity. I believe that our present flag doesn’t represent our current culture in this country nor is it a very interesting or inspiring design. I support a referendum for change. nzflag.com’s proposed design is a good start for debate. Let’s change the way we see ourselves and the way others in the world see us.”

Barnaby Weir, Musician/Songwriter and lead singer of Wellington’s Black Seeds

Essays, which must be no more than 500 words, should be sent with student entry forms and a school entry form to the NZflag.com Trust, PO Box 1395, Wellington, by Friday 12 November. Winning competition entries will be published on the NZflag.com Trust website, **www.nzflag.com**. If you would like the entries returned to you, please include your return address details.

Sample entry forms are included with this flyer. More copies can be downloaded from **www.nzflag.com**.

NB: to be eligible for the school prize, you must submit a school entry form as well as student entry forms.

Entries must be received by 12 November 2004. Winners will be announced the week beginning 22 November.

For more information email info@nzflag.com

Enter the **NZflag.com** Essay Competition:

State your case for a new New Zealand flag and be part of the growing national debate.

Great Individual Prizes for the Best Essays!


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