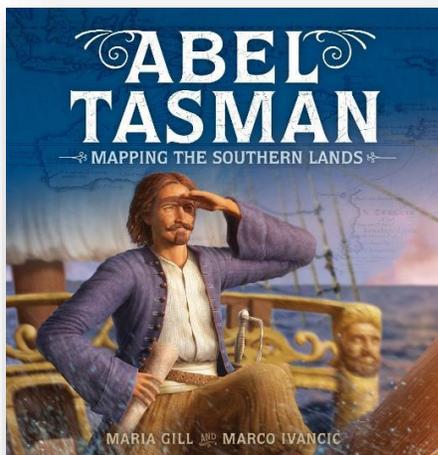


Abel Tasman: Mapping the Southern Lands

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Read the exciting adventure story about Abel Tasman's sailing expedition to the Southern Hemisphere 375 years ago! Find out how the Aboriginals, Māori and Tongans reacted when they saw these tall ships and European sailors. Discover the first maps to show Tasmania, New Zealand and Tonga on the world map.

Write a diary from one of the character's perspectives. Are you Abel Tasman the commander? Frans Visscher the navigator? One of the Aboriginal storytellers? The Maori chief? The Tongan Chief? Anthony van Diemen the Governor-General? Write about one of the encounters or incidents in the story from your point of view. What happened? How did you feel?

Role-play the whole story, using your boats, masks and mural as props. Ask one person to be the director. That person will stop the actors every now and then and ask the actors questions. E.g. How do you feel about...? Why do you think...? What if...?

Construct a boat out of cardboard with a group of students. You'll need cardboard, masking tape or glue, paint and scissors. Either make it big enough for students to hop inside, or make a model of one the boats in the story. You can get ideas on the internet on how to make a cardboard boat or make up your own plan.

- * Heemskerck * Zeehaen *
- * Māori waka * Tongan canoe *

Draw a mural or a large scene from the story. Think about the style you are going to use. Will it be realist – like illustrator Marco Ivančić's style – or will it be cave-drawing style? Or stylized (your own style)? Or cartoon? Plan it out first in pencil at a small size. When you are happy with the mock-up, draw the scene in pencil on your big piece of paper (or material). Then colour it in with paint, pastel or crayon. Afterwards label it, explaining what is happening in that scene.

Make masks for the characters in the story. Draw the face of the character the size of your head. Cut it out, then glue to cardboard or laminate it. Punch holes near the ears, then tie elastic, ribbon or string on both sides so that you can attach it to your head.

Commemorate Abel Tasman's exploration of Tasmania, New Zealand and the Pacific Islands (1642 – 1643) **375** years ago. Perform the play for invited parents and put it on for the school. Record it and share it on www.facebook.com/MariaGill.ChildrensBooks

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