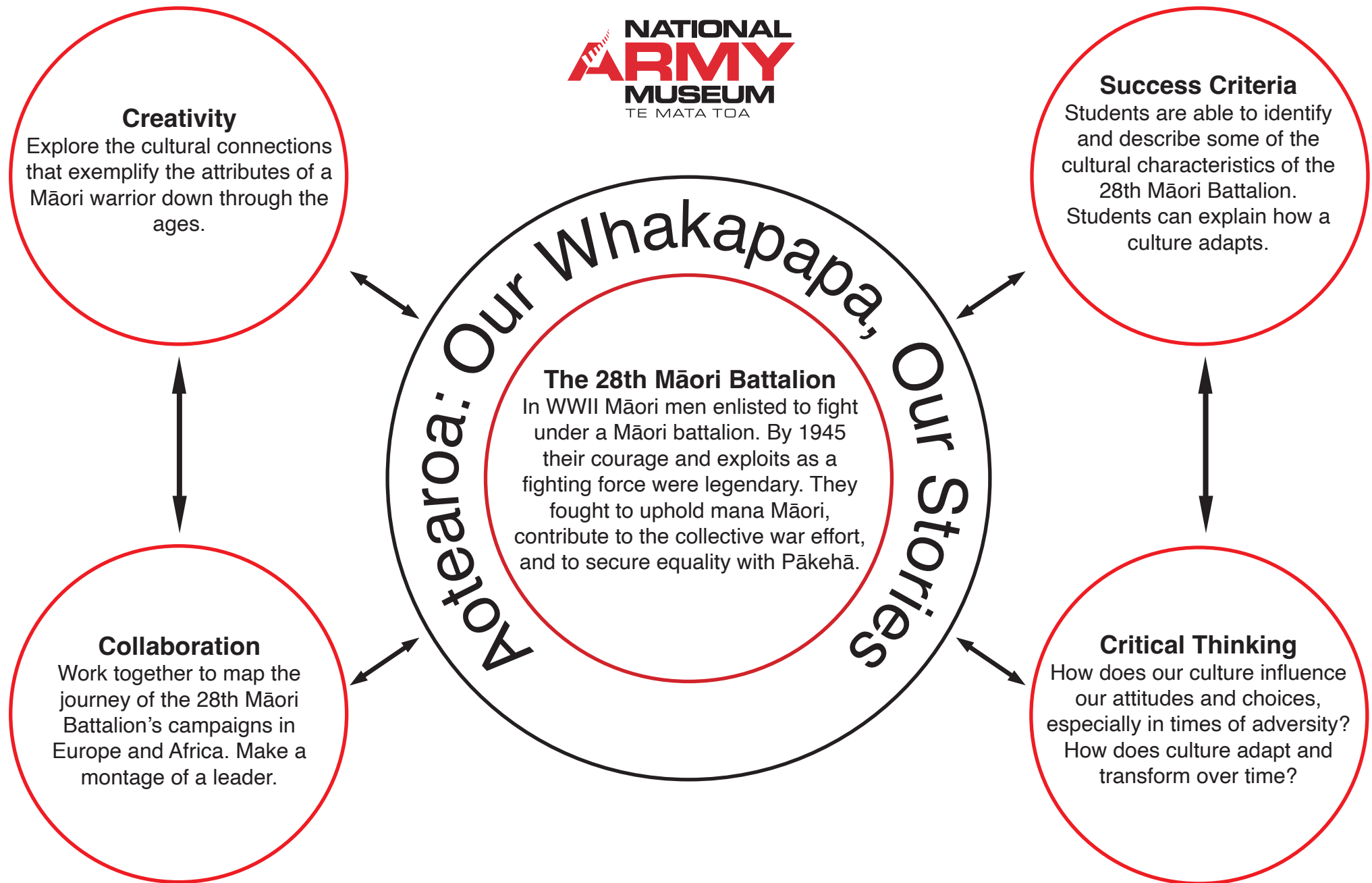




Aotearoa New Zealand Histories Curriculum - Big Idea

Colonisation and settlement have been central to Aotearoa New Zealand's histories for the past 200 years. Colonisation in NZ, part of a worldwide imperial project, has been a complex and contested process.

At school: pre visit:			
Creativity Find images online of Māori warriors from the New Zealand Wars, the Pioneer (Māori) Battalion, and the 28th Māori Battalion. Identify anything in the images that shows they are warriors and leaders.	Collaboration Share your images with a buddy. Why did you select these images? Do you have a connection to some of the warriors? Are there warriors and leaders in your family? Discuss.	Critical thinking Discuss the differences and similarities between photos taken in different eras and wars. What do you think motivated these warriors?	Success criteria Students are able to describe how culture connects the past and the present. Students display their understanding that culture adapts but traditional aspects endure.

At the museum, or by Zoom, or Google Meet:			
Creativity We will show you a display about the famous truck, Te Rau Aroha, that travelled with the Maori Battalion. Draw the inside of the truck and put in it all the things you'd want to have there if you were a soldier in this battalion.	Collaboration Our teachers will share slides that show why the NZ Army became an iwi – Ngāti Tūmataunga. Discuss with your buddy why turning the army into an iwi was such an important step forward.	Critical thinking The German General Westphal (Rommel's chief of staff) said, "Give me the Maori Battalion and I will conquer the world". Do you think that Maori culture affected these soldiers' courage and leadership?	Success criteria Students name and explain some of the features of the campaigns. Students name and explain some of the characteristics of Māori leadership.

Back at school:			
Creativity Watch <i>Tama Tu</i> , a short film (on You Tube) by Taika Waititi. Discuss. Make up some jokes you feel the soldiers of the 28th Māori Battalion may have told each other. Their humor was renowned!	Collaboration Film each other retelling your jokes. Use props to make your clip look more interesting. Share your jokes with the class.	Critical thinking What is the importance of humor for morale in challenging environments? Research to find out why Te Rau Aroha was loved by the men in the Battalion. Explain why.	Success criteria Students can describe what they think is their family, school, and community culture? Students are able to name other cultural subsets, e.g: youth, sports etc.