

TOPIC WORKSHEET 4 OF 10

SIGNIFICANT WORLD EVENTS SS2.2 Continuity and Change (SS8.2.2.1)

Syllabus focus - Achievement indicators:

Students will be able to: (1) investigate some significant world events; (2) express their impacts on the lives of people and the history of the world; (3) describe positive and negative effects of events such as wars, independence and sporting events.

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Aligned to the NEW 2026 strand-based exam format (4 compulsory strands - 26/22/26/26 marks).

TASK 1 - Complete the events table

Event	Year(s)	One impact
World War I	____ - ____	_____
World War II	____ - ____	_____
Fiji independence	_____	_____
First Commonwealth Games	_____	_____
First South Pacific Games	_____ (Suva)	_____
COVID-19 pandemic	_____	_____

TASK 2 - True or False

1. The Commonwealth Games of 1942 and 1946 were cancelled because of World War II. T / F
2. The Olympic Games are held every five years. T / F
3. The Pacific Games bring Pacific Islanders together in unity. T / F
4. Colonisation is when a group settles away from its origin to control another area. T / F

TASK 3 - Short answers

5. Describe ONE positive effect and ONE negative effect of a major sporting event on a host country.

6. Explain ONE major effect of colonisation on a country and its people.

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- WWI 1914-1918; WWII 1939-1945; independence 1970; CWG 1930 (Hamilton); SPG 1963; COVID-19 2020. Impacts vary - accept sensible answers (deaths, independence, unity, closed schools/borders).
- Task 2: 1 T; 2 F (every 4 years); 3 T; 4 T.
- 5. Positive - tourism money, new stadiums, pride/unity; negative - big costs, rubbish, interrupted travel.
- 6. Loss of land, culture and identity OR new roads, schools and systems of government - any well-explained effect.