Year 5 Knowledge Organiser- New Zealand & the South Pacific

Key Vocabulary	Definition			
Industry	Activity where raw materials are changed into goods that can be used and traded.			
Maori	People living in Australia from the earliest times, before the arrival of settlers or colonists.			
Earthquake	A shaking of the surface of the earth. Some earthquakes are caused by tectonic plates moving.			
Tectonic Plates	Huge pieces of the earth's crust and mantle that move around causing earthquakes and volcanoes.			
Tsunami	Earthquakes under the sea can cause huge waves called Tsunamis. The word means 'harbour wave' in Japanese.			
Commonwealth	A group of countries that used to be part of the British Empire, but now voluntarily work together on issues such as human rights.			
Biome	A community of plants and animals that have shared characteristics due to the environment they live in.			



Geyser	Volcano	Plate Boundary	Earthquake	Mountain
A vent in the earth's surface	An opening in the earth's	A place where two tectonic	A shaking of the Earth's surface	A large landform that rises up
that sometimes ejects water	surface, usually in a mountain,	plates meet. New Zealand is	that happens due to sudden	above the surrounding land,
and steam in a jet	where gas, magma and ash can	located on a plate boundary.	releases of energy deep	formed by tectonic plates or
	escape.		underground.	volcanoes.
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the South Island

Rotorua

Mount Ruapehu (*Roo a pay*

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A plate boundary runs through Christchurch, New Zealand

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