

Waikato River writing by Grayson

I am choosing: **a narrative** **an explanation** **a letter** (highlight one)



WALT use a narrative, explanation or letter text type.

Task: Share your learning about the Waikato River using your chosen writing style: narrative, explanation or a letter.

Tick the boxes as they are completed.

- Write my name at the top.
- Highlight my type of writing.
- Make a plan. I think I should write a letter to the president to clean the river up.
- Write a draft.
- Proofread it.
- Edit it.
- Get a buddy to read it.
- Edit it.
- Show Mrs Graham.
- Type it on this page.

I will start my writing on the next page.

Why The Waikato River Is Polluted So Much!

By Grayson N.

Here is a question a lot of people wonder about in New Zealand: 'Why is the Waikato River polluted?' This is why.

Lots of farms that have the river running through them have lots of cows. That means the cows need something to eat by the river. So if one of the farmers uses fertilisers to make the grass grow faster, some of it can get into the river and make it dirty.

Another thing that pollutes the river also on farms is the cow poo and chemicals like weed killer can pollute the river because of what it is made of. Cow poo makes the water really disgusting and brown.

There are also factories like sewage plants, dairy factories, and paper mills. All of the stuff that doesn't get used is dumped into the Waikato River and pollutes it because of the dirt and other things that get into the waste.

So that's why the Waikato River is so disgusting and you can't swim in it in some areas. So sad.

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Dear Mr. President...

By Grayson N.

Hello Mr. President. This is Grayson from Wairakei Primary School. I want to talk about the Waikato River.

We need to get better cleaners to clean the river up like boats that suck up chemicals. We also really need to tell all of the factories that dump chemicals in the river to move away because it makes the river really dirty.

We also need to tell farmers to make sure that there are protective fences or barriers around the river so their cows can't poo in it anymore. That makes the water dirty and disgusting.

We also need to stop polluting the river with anything like rubbish or chemicals. This will make a big difference to protecting our taonga.

*Sincerely
Grayson*

Go to the next page for a story.

Kora and the Waikato River

By Grayson. N

One day in Taupo, a little boy named Kora found out that he had an amazing river in his backyard. He played in it everyday for hours at a time, until his mum called him in for dinner.

A few days after he discovered this, he decided he would follow it. He told his mum that he's gonna go on an amazing adventure to see what the end of the river actually looks like.

He brought his dog, Kauri, and his friend, Ari. They brought some water, food, and a big bag of chips to share on the way. They set out at about 11 am so they could go and arrive in time for dinner.

They set off for the adventure! His dog Kauri brought his favourite toy to play with. They went about a quarter of the way there, before they realised that they forgot their swimming togs to swim in it.

They set off! Again! They made it halfway before they saw a kea in a trap! They helped the kea up, but then heard it say, "Where are you boys going?" So Kora explained to the kea that they wanted to find the end of the river, and the kea claimed he knew where it was! Kora and his friends were excited to know where they were going, so the kea led the way.

About 10 minutes later, Kora realized they were heading the wrong direction. So he asked "Don't you think we are going the wrong way?" The kea was quiet for a second

or two, before saying, "IT WAS A TRAP!" Kora and his friends ran away, and then realised they were being chased by an eagle of some sort. Go to the next page...

The boys quickly realized that they were being followed by a Haast's Eagle!

They ran as quick as they could, through the forest, through the kea hideout, until they ran straight into a wall! It was his mum's house! They were running so fast that they didn't know where they were going! The eagle caught up to them, because they were still on the ground trying to get up from the kauri tree leaves.

The eagle landed on the tree above them and asked "What were you doing in the forest! I thought you were a bunch of kereru!" Ari explained how they were trying to find the end of the Waikato River, but the eagle started chasing them.

His mum yelled out, "Dinner time, Kora!" So everyone including the eagle ate and ate until their bellies were full of delicious kai.

Kora said, "We should do it tomorrow" So everyone went home and the same thing happened the day after!

The End