



Compréhension de l'écrit et expression écrite

L'ensemble du sujet porte sur l'axe 8 du programme : **Territoire et mémoire.**

Il s'organise en deux parties :

1. Compréhension de l'écrit ;
2. Expression écrite.

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Texte

Mystic river: Canoeing a living entity in New Zealand

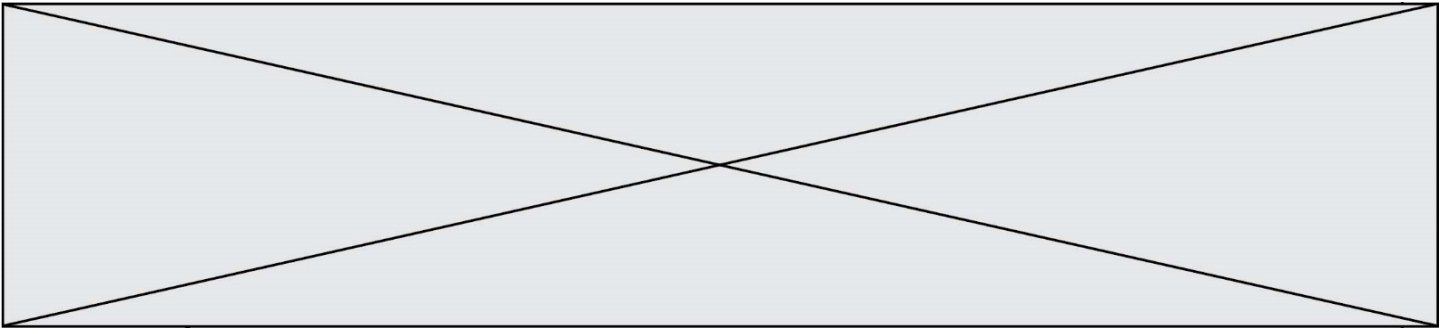
The Whanganui river is so important in Maori culture it has the legal rights of a person. A canoe trip along its forested valley proves a great way of getting to know it.

I have spent three days on the Whanganui River in New Zealand's North Island. The Whanganui is the country's longest navigable river, yet it is notable for more than that – because this is a river that is also a person. In 2017, the local Maoris gained a ruling to give the river the legal status of personhood. "The river has always been a living entity to us," Maori campaigner Gerrard Albert told me.

He believes the river's status will protect it: "Everyone has to be conscious that the river has the right to continue to be in a healthy state."

In 2014, the Te Urewera wilderness area on its eastern side also assumed the rights of a legal person. And last year nearby Mount Taranaki gained the same status. The Maoris believe there are no boundaries between themselves and the natural world: it is a continuum.

The river's representatives are now waiting for the results of a study into its wellbeing. There are concerns about pollution from agriculture and damage from hydroelectric power schemes. The representatives are also deciding how to allocate a NZ\$30m (£16m) fund for environmental initiatives.



1. Compréhension de l'écrit (10 points)

Give an account of the text, **in English** and in your own words.

2. Expression écrite (10 points)

Vous traiterez, **en anglais** et en **120 mots** au moins, l'**un** des deux sujets suivants, au choix.

Sujet A

The Whanganui river got the legal status of personhood. You are an official and you deliver a speech on that special day. Write the speech.

Sujet B

In your opinion, what are the different ways to preserve a culture?