

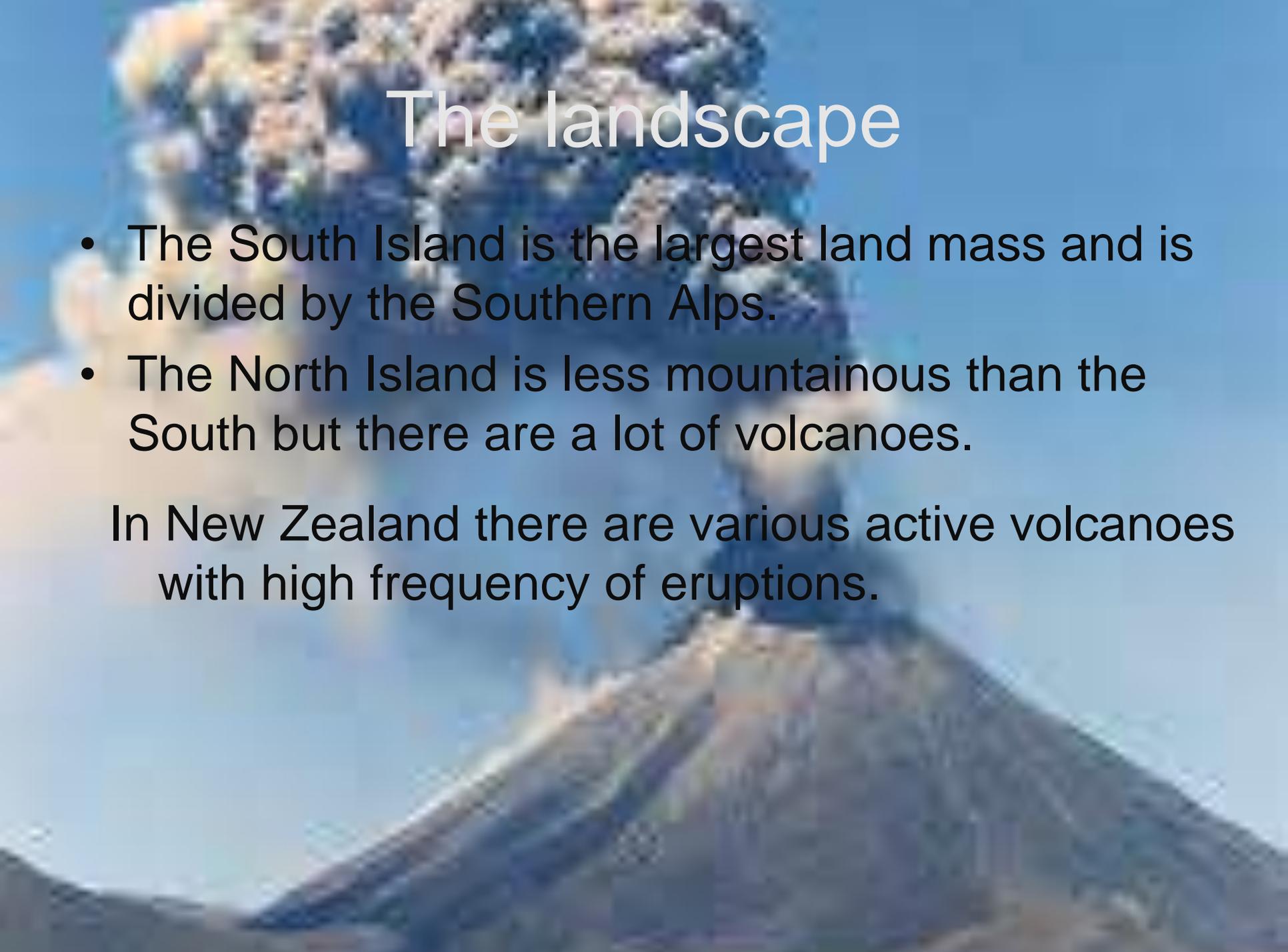
New Zealand



The environment



- New Zealand is an island state in the south-western Pacific Ocean.
- It's composed by the North Island and the South Island
- It's a parliamentary democracy and a Commonwealth Realm



The landscape

- The South Island is the largest land mass and is divided by the Southern Alps.
- The North Island is less mountainous than the South but there are a lot of volcanoes.

In New Zealand there are various active volcanoes with high frequency of eruptions.

The climate

- The usual climate throughout the country is mild, mostly cool temperate to warm temperate .

Flora and Fauna

- Because of its long isolation from the rest of the world the country has a unique Flora and Fauna.
- We don't find many mammals and reptiles, but there is a great variety of birds. The most special is the kiwi.
- To protect the beautiful scenery in New Zealand there are many national parks.



THE POPULATION

- Most of people are British descent and only 10% are Maori.
- Typical New Zealanders qualities are “mate ship” and “whanau”.
- National languages are English and Maori, that is thought in primary and secondary schools
- New Zealanders love sports and the national sport is rugby.



MAORI

- Maori are the first inhabitants of New Zealand and they have a particular culture.
- Haka is a Maori dance. There are various types of Haka, for example Ka mate, Peruperu and Kapa
- Another Maori tradition is tattoos. There are two types of tattoos :moko and kirituhi.



HISTORY

- About 1300 years ago the Maori arrived to the north of New Zealand .
- In 1642 the Dutch navigator Abel Tasman was the first European to discover this land, after Captain James Cook claimed the land for Britain and established the first European settlements.
- In 1840 the British government decided to take control of New Zealand with The Treaty of Waitangi.
- Increasing numbers of settlers occupied ever larger parts of land.
- New Zealand in 1907 became an independent dominion, full independence was granted by Britain in 1931 .

Wellington

- It's the New Zealand's capital city
- It sits on a beautiful harbor
- In this area there are frequent earthquakes
- Today Wellington is a thriving urban centre with many galleries, museums, theatres and festivals.



THE LORD OF THE RINGS

- The film was filmed in some of New Zealand's most beautiful places.
- Thank to this movie New Zealand became famous in all the world.

