**1.8 Significant Connections Between Texts**

New Zealand social issues are emphasized through the eyes of young Maori boys in the texts ----,---,---, and … Backgrounds of gang life, violence and dysfunction blight the lives of the characters, but we can see that with positive role models and support these boys could reach their *potential.* Other common features in the texts are the typical rural New Zealand settings, the colloquial language and the Kiwi humour used by the characters.