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Syllabis Education iDiscover 5

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INSTRUCTIONS

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Aloha Hawaii!

The graphic features a tropical landscape with a green mountain, a sandy beach, and turquoise water. A colorful lei of hibiscus and plumeria flowers is draped across the middle. Below the lei are three tiki masks and a wooden sign with a lightbulb icon. The sign asks: "Have you ever come across the word 'Aloha'? Do you have any ideas about what it could mean?". At the bottom, the United States and Hawaiian flags are visible.

Well, 'Aloha' is the very well-known Hawaiian word with a lot of different meanings. It is used to say both Hello, and Goodbye! But, have you ever wondered how this word was first used? Or, who it was first used by, and in what country?

The Beginning...

It all began about 1,500 years ago when a small group of small, narrow light boats called 'Canoes' reached the shores of some islands that we know today as Hawaii.



The people in these canoes had rowed about 2,000 miles from somewhere called 'The Marquesas Islands' which we know today as a place called Tahiti. After reaching the shores of the islands, because they were the first people to live on the islands, everyone believes it was them who created all the traditions for Hawaii with things like surfing, hula dancing and switching flower crowns called "Leis".

It was only in the year of 1810 when someone called Kamehameha became the first King of Hawaii and the islands had royal rules right up until the 1880's.



Then in 1898 Hawaii officially became part of the United States and even today you can still visit a place called 'Lolani Palace' which is the only royal building found on the soil of the United States!

How did Hawaii get its name?

Even though the name of 'Hawaii' is still a mystery, many say that it might have been named to honour someone called Hawai'i Loa who was someone very well-known because many people believe that he was the first person to discover the islands.



Hawaii also has a nickname which is 'The Aloha State' and this is because of the word they use to say Hello and Goodbye which is; 'Aloha'.

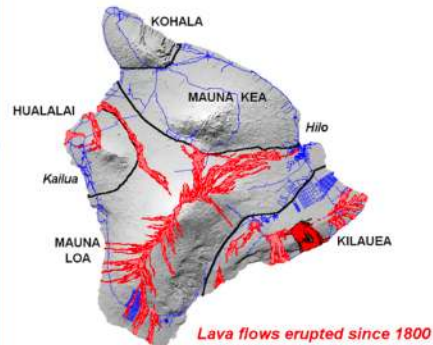
FUN FACTS!

- Hawaii is the only U.S. state with two official languages: English and Hawaiian.
- In 2008 Barack Obama, who was born in Honolulu, was elected the 44th president of the United States.
- The hula is a traditional Hawaiian dance that tells a story through movement. Dancers often wear grass skirts and leis.
- The sport of surfing may have originated in what is now Hawaii. Today professional surfers ride waves over 50 feet high.
- Entertainer Bette Midler was also born in Honolulu.



The Geography of Hawaii

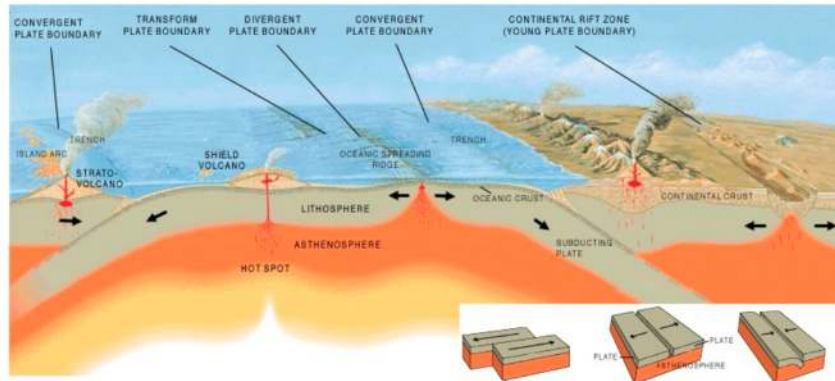
Now, the big question to think about is how these amazing islands that make up Hawaii were actually created... Well, the simple answer to this question is; volcanic activity. But how these volcanoes actually took place to create more than just one volcano is something to explore...



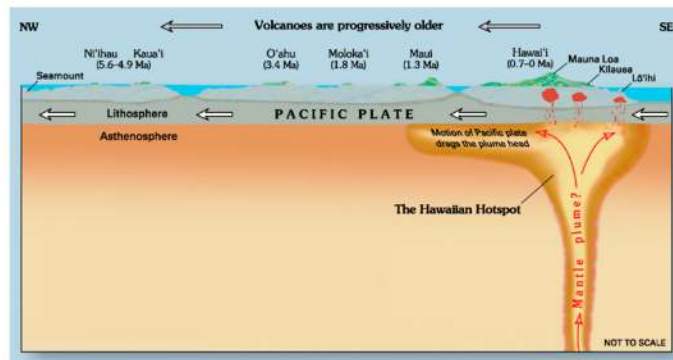
As you might have studied in your Geography lessons, we know that our Earth's outer crust is made of a collection of very big rocky slabs that are called 'tectonic plates' and these plates are known to move all across the surface of our planet.

Type of Margin	Divergent	Convergent	Transform
Motion	Spreading	Subduction	Lateral sliding
Effect	Constructive (oceanic lithosphere created)	Destructive (oceanic lithosphere destroyed)	Conservative (lithosphere neither created or destroyed)
Topography	Ridge/Rift	Trench	No major effect
Volcanic activity?	Yes	Yes	No

But, in some places, these plates come together and this is where a volcano is formed.



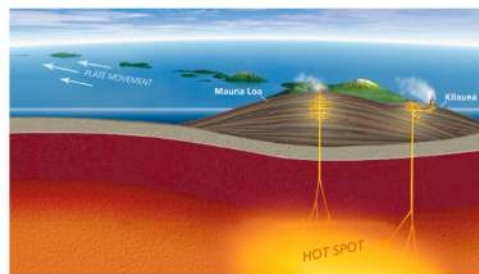
Volcanoes can also happen in the middle of a plate instead of on the surface and when this happens, something called 'magma' which is a very hot fluid that is below or in the Earth's crust, rises up to the Earth's seafloor and these are called "hot spots".



The islands of Hawaii are very special because they were not made by what we know as volcanoes, but instead, a "hot-spot" volcano happened in the middle of the Pacific Plate. But now you are probably wondering how many different islands were created out of one hot spot? Well, even though the hot spot does not move, the plate tectonics of the hot spot can still move so they move over a very hot place in something called the 'molten layer' which is underneath the Earth's crust. So when the very high heat melts the rocks that create the crust to turn it into magma, when the magma is able to break through to the surface of

Earth's crust, it cools down and this how many different islands were created which are also called:

'The Hawaiian Island Chain!'



In Hawaii's very early days, for a lot of this time it was known that each of the different islands were ruled by different people who were called 'Chiefs'. But in the later years of the 1700s, there was one very well-known Chief who was called Kamehameha who slowly became more powerful and over the years, one by one, he took all the control of all the islands. So, by the year of 1810, Chief Kamehameha was the ruler of all the islands and because of this he became the first Hawaiian King.



Chief Kamehameha was a very important part of Hawaii's history and because of this, the 11th of June is known around the world as 'King Kamehameha Day'!



Hawaii's Nature and Resources

Throughout all of the different islands, there is a lot of different types of plants and animals but Hawaii only has only animal that is native (which means it is original to Hawaii) and this animals is called the 'Hawaiian hoary bat'. Along with many different animals, especially mammals, Hawaii also has a lot of different native birds and some of the popular ones are:

The 'Pueo'

(which is also called
the Hawaiian owl)



The 'Noio'

(which is a type
of tern**)



The 'Nene'

(which is Hawaii's state
bird and it is related to
the Canadian Goose!)



DID YOU KNOW?

In the months of December to
May, Humpback whales visit
Hawaii's waters so that they can
mate, have their calves and then
look after them!



Back on land, there are so many different species of trees and plants that grow on the islands of Hawaii especially some that are called 'Magnolias', 'Plumerias' and fruit-filled 'Ohi'a 'ai' trees and very unique Orchids. These amazing types of trees and flowers are able to grow because of Hawaii's very rich soil which is actually one of Hawaii's most important resources that they have which is natural. So, to add to all its wildlife, Hawaii's most important resources they can make to sell for money are things like sugarcane, pineapples, coffee, macadamia nuts and other types of flowers.



DID YOU KNOW?
In the middle years of the 1800s, Hawaii's most important industry was the farming of sugarcane and many people from around the world (especially China and Japan), moved to Hawaii to work on the sugarcane fields.



GRADE 6 - 8 TO STOP READING HERE.
GRADE 9 - 12 CONTINUE READING.

First Inhabitants

As we have learnt, Hawaii's story began many years ago when a group of people came to the shores of Hawaii in small boats called 'Canoes'. These people were called 'The Polynesians' and they were the first people to start living on the lands of the islands of Hawaii where they farmed the land and fished for food to survive. Over time, these groups of people formed settlements where each of these groups was controlled by a Chief which was referred to as the 'Ali". Chiefs were in charge of putting several strict rules (which were called 'kapu') in place that the Polynesians had to follow and knew there would be serious **consequences** if they did not.



In addition to the Europeans arriving, there were some other groups of people that slowly started arriving on the islands of Hawaii. First, in the year of 1820, a group of people who were known as 'Christian **Missionaries**' arrived in Hawaii and started opening schools and taught the local Hawaiians how to speak English. When they did this, they also made a whole new alphabet for the Hawaiian language which before this time, had not been done before.



Then, in around the same time as the missionaries' arrival, a group of people who were known as 'The Whalers' arrived on the islands. These whalers hunted for whales in the **widespread** waters around the islands and because of this, for the next fifty years or so, the whaling ships continued to come to the islands and brought money, new ideas and unfortunately a lot of diseases.

Then, not only did these diseases kill many of the Hawaiians but a lot of the Hawaiian traditions (especially the one called 'Kapu') came to an end in this time.



Captain James Cook

Fast forward a few years, these Polynesians were joined by some Europeans, specifically a British explorer called Captain James Cook, in 1778 when he sailed past the island called 'Oahu'. Cook was able to take part in this long voyage because of his role as a **surveyor** in the Royal Navy and with this, he was chosen, and took on the role of being something called a '**Lieutenant**' (which is the higher rank of an officer in the British Army or Navy). So, with his new promotion, he was in charge of an **expedition** where he took scientists to Tahiti for them to record the course patterns for the planet Venus.

Following his several other journeys after this, Cook was warmly welcomed by the local Hawaiians in 1778 when he made his first visit to the islands. On his first visit, following the renaming of the group of islands to



'The Sandwich Islands' after 'The Earl of Sandwich', Cook was treated like royalty, mostly because the Hawaiians were **fascinated** by the

Europeans' ships and use of iron. Cook then temporarily allowed the local natives to use the ships in exchange for metal.



However, even though he was greeted with a warm welcome on his first visit, his second arrival to the Hawaiian islands was quite the opposite. Although it is not confirmed, in between Cook's visits, many believe that the Hawaiians slowly developed and attached more religious beliefs to the Europeans' first time on their islands.



Along with a lot of other conflicts, the Hawaiians proceeded to then attack Cook and his men by throwing rocks, stealing small **vessels** and several other forms of violence. The result of the large scale attack therefore led to Cook being shot and killed and after several more attacks in 1779, all British members eventually returned to England.



**Captain Cook Monument –
Kealahou, Hawaii - Atlas
Obscura**

Pearl Harbour and World War II

Even though the islands of Hawaii were first occupied by the Europeans, further down the line in 1893, the Kingdom was brought down and as a result, the official Republic of Hawaii was created and following this a few years later in 1898, it then became an official territory of the United States of America. Once it was officially occupied by the United States, several military bases (including one very well-known one called 'Pearl Harbour') were built.



Then once World War II began, although at first the United States did not join in the fighting, in on December 7, 1941, the Japanese attacked the United States' **naval base** at their Pearl Harbour establishment. When this happened, a lot of U.S ships were sunk and around 2,500 people were killed.



Once the events of World War II had settled down, a lot of people started wanting Hawaii to become a state but it was not as easy as they thought. Then although it took several years, on August 21, 1959 Hawaii was submitted to the **Union** and was officially recognised as the 50th state.



Timeline

- **500** - Polynesians are the first people to arrive on the Hawaiian Islands.
- **1778** - British explorer Captain James Cook visits the islands.
- **1779** - Captain James Cook is killed in a **skirmish** with the islanders.
- **1793** - Cattle are introduced to Hawaii.
- **1810** - King Kamehameha takes over all of the islands and establishes the Kingdom of Hawaii.
- **1819** - Whalers begun hunting off the shores of the islands.
- **1820** - Christian missionaries arrive on the island.
- **1826** - The U.S. and Hawaii enter into a **treaty** of friendship.
- **1835** - The first sugar plantation is built.
- **1893** - The Kingdom of Hawaii is **overthrown** and the Republic of Hawaii is established.
- **1898** - Hawaii becomes a U.S. territory.
- **1900** - A great fire occurs in Chinatown.
- **1901** - James Dole established the Hawaiian Pineapple Company.
- **1935** - Amelia Earhart is the first pilot to fly solo from Hawaii to the mainland U.S.
- **1941** - Pearl Harbour is bombed by the Japanese in a surprise attack. The U.S. enters World War II.
- **1959** - Hawaii becomes the 50th U.S. state.



Timeline sourced from:
https://www.ducksters.com/geography/us_states/hawaii_history.php#:~:text=The%20first%20people%20to%20arrive,chief%20called%20the%20ali'i.



QUIZ

QUESTION ONE: MULTIPLE CHOICE

1.1 'Aloha' means:

- A. "See you later"
- B. "The weather is nice"
- C. "Hello"
- D. "Goodbye"
- E. "Hello" and "Goodbye"

1.2 Hawaii's History began about:

- A. 300 years ago
- B. 1,500 years ago
- C. 5,000 years ago
- D. 20 years ago

1.3 Kamehameha was the first ____ of Hawaii?

- A. Principal
- B. Fisherman
- C. Police Officer
- D. King
- E. Banker

1.4 Hawaii is also called:

- A. The Aloha State
- B. The Aloha Islands
- C. The Islands of Hawaii
- D. Hawai'i Load

1.5 The traditional Hawaiian flower crowns are known as:

- A. "Aloha"
- B. "Leis"
- C. "Lolani"
- D. "Marquesas"

QUESTION TWO: TRUE OR FALSE

2.1 The first group of people to explore Hawaii arrived in something called 'Canoes'.

2.2 The word 'Aloha' has more than one meaning.

2.3 Kamehameha became the first King of Hawaii in 1910.

2.4 Hawaii only has one official language which is Hawaiian.

2.5 The abbreviation for Hawaii is '**HA**'.

GRADE 4 AND 5 TO STOP THE QUIZ HERE.

QUESTION THREE: SHORT ANSWERS

3.1 What type of activity happened that created the islands of Hawaii? (1)

3.2 In your own words, describe what 'Tectonic plates' are and how they work when it comes to volcanoes. (2)

3.3 In your own words, describe what a “Hot spot” is. (2)

3.4 For each of Hawaii's native animals listed below, write down what type of animal they are (3):

a. The Nene

b. The Pueo

c. The Noio

QUESTION FOUR: FILL IN THE BLANKS

4.1 International King Kamehameha day is _____.

4.2 _____ was the famous explorer (also known for discovering Australia) who was killed in Hawaii in 1779.

4.3 From _____ to _____ is when Humpback whales visit Hawaii's waters in order to _____.

4.4 Magnolias are able to grow in Hawaii because of the _____.

GRADE 6, 7 AND 8 TO STOP THE QUIZ HERE.

QUESTION FIVE: LONG RESPONSES

5.1 In your own words, describe Captain James Cook's involvement in the early days of Hawaii. (4)

5.2 Along with the Polynesians, who were the other groups of people that slowly started living on the islands of Hawaii in the early days? Briefly describe these groups and what they did. (4)

ANSWER KEY

QUESTION ONE: MULTIPLE CHOICE

- 1.1 E
- 1.2 B
- 1.3 D
- 1.4 A
- 1.5 B

QUESTION TWO: TRUE OR FALSE

- 2.1 TRUE
- 2.2 TRUE
- 2.3 FALSE
- 2.4 FALSE
- 2.5 FALSE

QUESTION THREE: SHORT ANSWERS

3.1 Volcanic activity

3.2 (Answers will vary) – Responses should acknowledge the following:
Tectonic plates: large rocky slabs that move across the surface of the planet. When the plates move and come together, volcanoes are formed.

3.3 (Answers will vary) – Responses should acknowledge the following: A type of volcano that takes place in the middle of a plate as opposed to the surface and where magma rises upwards towards the Earth's seafloor, cools and creates islands.

3.4

- a. State Bird (Similar to that of a **Goose**)
- b. **Owl**
- c. **Tern (Seagull)**

QUESTION FOUR: FILL IN THE BLANKS

- 4.1 11th June
- 4.2 Captain James Cook
- 4.3 December, May, mate
- 4.4 Rich, soil

QUESTION FIVE: LONG RESPONSES

5.1 (Answers will vary) – Responses should acknowledge the following ideas:

- Was the main individual who lead the group of Europeans who first set foot on islands (in 1778).
- Was able to conduct expedition given his role as a Lieutenant in British Royal Navy
- Was welcomed by local natives upon first visit onto islands
- Initially named the islands 'The Sandwich Islands' (after 'The Earl of Sandwich')
- Second arrival welcoming was opposite to first
 - Was a lot of conflict between Cook and his crew, and the local Hawaiians
 - Led to Cook's death

5.2 (Answers will vary) – Responses should acknowledge the following ideas:

- Christian Missionaries
 - Opened and started running Schools
 - Taught Locals how to speak English
 - Created a new alphabet for Hawaiians
- Whalers
 - Hunted for whales
 - Brought about start of whaling ships (which initiated trading, money, new ideas and diseases)