

READING GUIDE

“Hawaiian Historical Overview”

1. In the mid-nineteenth century, there was a systematic change in land tenure systems. Identify this change and the effects it had on the Hawaiian Kingdom and its people.
2. What events have contributed to the erosion of *Kanaka Maoli* cultural identity?
3. Name three major factors that contributed to the decline of Hawaiian control in the Kingdom.
4. What was the reaction to increasing influence of foreigners in the government?
5. What was the primary goal of those who wished to overthrow the monarchy?
6. What is the *Hawaiian Homes Commission Act*? What kinds of lands were included in this category?
7. What is the *Office of Hawaiian Affairs*?
8. What replaced agriculture as Hawai'i's primary economic force? How did this change affect native Hawaiians?
9. What are the three strategies utilized by Hawaiians to maintain and perpetuate their culture and identity?

Glossary of Hawaiian Words

'āina - land

ali'i – chief

ali'i nui – high chief

'auwai –irrigation ditch that feeds taro gardens

haole – foreigner

Kanaka Maoli – Native Hawaiian

Kuhina nui – chief councilor

lo'i – taro gardens

loko i'a – fishponds used to farm fish from the sea

māhele – to divide

maka'āinana – common people

Mālama 'Āina – “to cherish the land”

malihini - newcomer

mauka – inland, towards the mountains

Mō'i – paramount chief