

Home Experiences

Continue the Sovereignty Conversation at Home

Experience #1: Your Meaning of Hawaiian

Explanation:

The word “Hawaiian” draws upon ideas, feelings and memories. The meaning of the word “Hawaiian” may be as unique as the people living in or coming from these Hawaiian Islands.

In the following home activity, we hope to explore those associations with the word “Hawaiian.” While there are no right or wrong answers for this exercise, there may be many insights.

For this experience, you will need a piece of paper, a pen, and things to draw with (markers, crayons, oil pastels, colored pencils, etc.). We also hope that you have a group of people so that you may discuss your answers.

Experience #1: *Your Meaning of Hawaiian (cont.)*

Materials:

- ♦ Lined Paper
- ♦ Blank Paper
- ♦ Pens or pencils
- ♦ Timer (watch, phone, clock)
- ♦ Something to draw with (crayons, oil pastels, markers, finger paints, etc.)

Number of People:

- ♦ 4-6 per group

Experience #1:

Your Meaning of Hawaiian (cont.)

Activity (Total Time—30 minutes):

On a piece of lined paper, take **two minutes to write** answers to the following questions (do not worry about editing: just write, and write, and write):

- ◆ When you think of the word “Hawaiian,” what comes to mind?
- ◆ Do you think of anything specific?
- ◆ Is there a memory or event that helps you describe what is to be Hawaiian?
- ◆ What is that event or memory? How would you describe that event? What feelings come to mind?

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Activity— Continued (Total Time—30 minutes):

- ♦ **On a piece of paper**, draw an idea, a feeling, a memory, or an event that helps describe what it means to be Hawaiian. **Take five minutes.**
- ♦ **Take five minutes** to write about this memory or event. Do not worry about editing. Just write. Let the words flow, and flow, and flow.

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Activity— Continued (Total Time—30 minutes):

- ♦ **Take two minutes** to identify the main concepts or values (such as truth, aloha, kuleana) listed in your description.
- ♦ In a group, **take ten minutes to share** with others what you wrote. Did others say similar things? Is there anything in common? If there are common ideas and concepts, how does that feel?

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Your Meaning of Hawaiian (cont.)

Share with Others:

If you want to **submit your responses** via a 1-minute video explaining what you drew, or wrote, or said during the discussions you had, here's what to do:

1. Go to www.wetransfer.com and add your video file.
2. For the "Friend's email", use info@thesovereigntyconversation.org.
3. Click the Transfer button.

We will view all responses. Any submission may be incorporated into a short video for the next Sovereignty Conversation event.