Hawai'i and Hula



Map of Hawai'i in relation to the United States

http://www.lib.utexas.edu/maps/united_states/n.america.jpg



The Islands of Hawai'i

http://travel-hawaii.com/hawaii_map.html



<u>Hawai'i</u>

Before becoming the United States' 50th state, Hawai'i used to be a monarchy. The last monarch was Queen Liliuo'kalani. The Kingdom of Hawai'i was forcefully overthrown by the United States in 1893. The Indigenous Hawaiian culture is very important to the islands which helps explain why the two official languages of Hawai'i are English and Hawaiian. Hawai'i is the only state made up entirely of islands. The 8 main islands are Ni'ihau, Hawai'i, Maui, Kaho'olawe, Moloka'i, O'ahu, Lānai'i, and Kaua'i. (http://www.danceheritage.org/treasures/hula_essay_shaka.pdf) (http://media.gohawaii.com/statewide/hawaii-information/fact-sheet/)

(http://www.americaslibrary.gov/jb/modern/jb_modern_hawaii_1.html)

Hawaiian Vocabulary

Aloha – Hello, goodbye, love Keiki- Children Kāne – Male Wahine- Female Mahalo- Thank you 'Ohana - Family Kumu – Teacher Hula – the combination of words, music, and dance connected to the Hawaiian people and culture

<u>Hula</u>

Hula is the dance form of Hawaiians. There are many stories of where and how hula began. One of the stories is that the goddess Hi'iaka was taught hula by the human, Hopoe. Hi'iaka then performed it for her sister Pele.

There are two types of hula, hula kahiko or ancient hula and hula 'auana or modern hula. Hula Kahiko is usually performed with chants and instruments like the ipu heke or gourd instrument. Hula 'auana is often performed to ukulele music and other Western instruments.

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<u>Links</u>

Here's is a link to a story of Pele and Hi'iaka being told via animated video: http://oiwi.tv/keiki/pele-searches-for-a-home/

Here is a video of the hula 'auana called Pearly Shells performed noho (sitting) style: <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TNsMRprvPrw</u>

Hula 'Auana Keiki https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=spZJgzFdEK8

 Hula Kahiko Keiki

 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RO3JXR4IV28
 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iiAdv30OEkI

Hula 'Auana https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QV69VBT8QRs https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gdc1IMNAMiY

Hula Kahiko https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fquGlojgtOs https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uTbYYtqgIB0

