

# Historical Princess Study Guide

Ka'iulani

Island Princess



**Full Name:** Victoria Kawēkiu Ka'iulani Lunalilo Kalaninuiahilapalapa<sup>[2]</sup>  
Victoria Ka'iulani, Kalaninuiahilapalapa Kawēkiu i Lunalilo Cleghorn<sup>[3]</sup>  
Victoria Kawēkiu Lunalilo Kalaninuiahilapalapa Ka'iulani Cleghorn

**Born:** October 16, 1875

**Died:** March 6, 1899 (age 23)

**House:** Kalakaua

**Father:** Archibald Scott Cleghorn - a Scottish financier from Edinburgh, became the last Royal Governor of O'ahu

**Mother:** Princess Miriam Likelike – died Feb. 1887

**Religion:** Church of Hawaii

*Above information gathered from Wikipedia*

May, 1889 – Princess Ka'iulani traveled to England for boarding school

January, 1891 – King Kalakaua died, Lil'ukalani became Queen

January, 1893 – Hawaii was overthrown by American businessmen

Spring, 1893 – Ka'iulani met with President Cleveland in Washington DC

January 1895 – Lil'ukalani was forced to abdicate and the monarchy was abolished

November, 1897 – Ka'iulani came back to Hawaii

February, 1898 - Princess Ka'iulani and Prince Kawānanakoa announced their engagement

August 12, 1898 – the US government voted to officially annex Hawaii to the United States

March 6, 1899 – Ka'iulani died from illness

August 21, 1959 – Hawaii became the 50<sup>th</sup> State in the USA

## Non-Fiction Book List

- To Be a Princess by, H. Brewster and L. Coulter
- The Last Princess; The Story of Princess Ka'iulani of Hawaii by, F. Stanley
- Princess Ka'iulani; Hope of a Nation, Heart of a People by, S. Lennea

## Era Literature and Historical Fiction

- Books by **Robert Louis Stevenson** (a friend of Ka'iulani and the Royal family), **HG Wells**, **Rudyard Kipling**, **Sir Arthur Conan Doyle** – all authors were published during Ka'iulani's life
- The Royal Diaries; Kaiulani, The People's Princess by, E. White

## Hawaiian Art

In 1778 Captain James Cook and his crew became the first Europeans to visit Hawaii (which they called the Sandwich Islands). Art existing prior to Cook's arrival is very similar to the art of other Pacific Islanders. This art includes wood carvings, feather work, petroglyphs, bark cloth (called kapa in Hawaiian and tapa elsewhere in the Pacific) and tattoos. Native Hawaiians had neither metal nor woven cloth. Production of this art continued after Cook's arrival. A few craftsmen still produce traditional Hawaiian arts, either to sell to tourists or to preserve native culture.

## Examples of 19<sup>th</sup> Century Hawaiian Art



19th-century native Hawaiian feather cape ('ahu'ula)

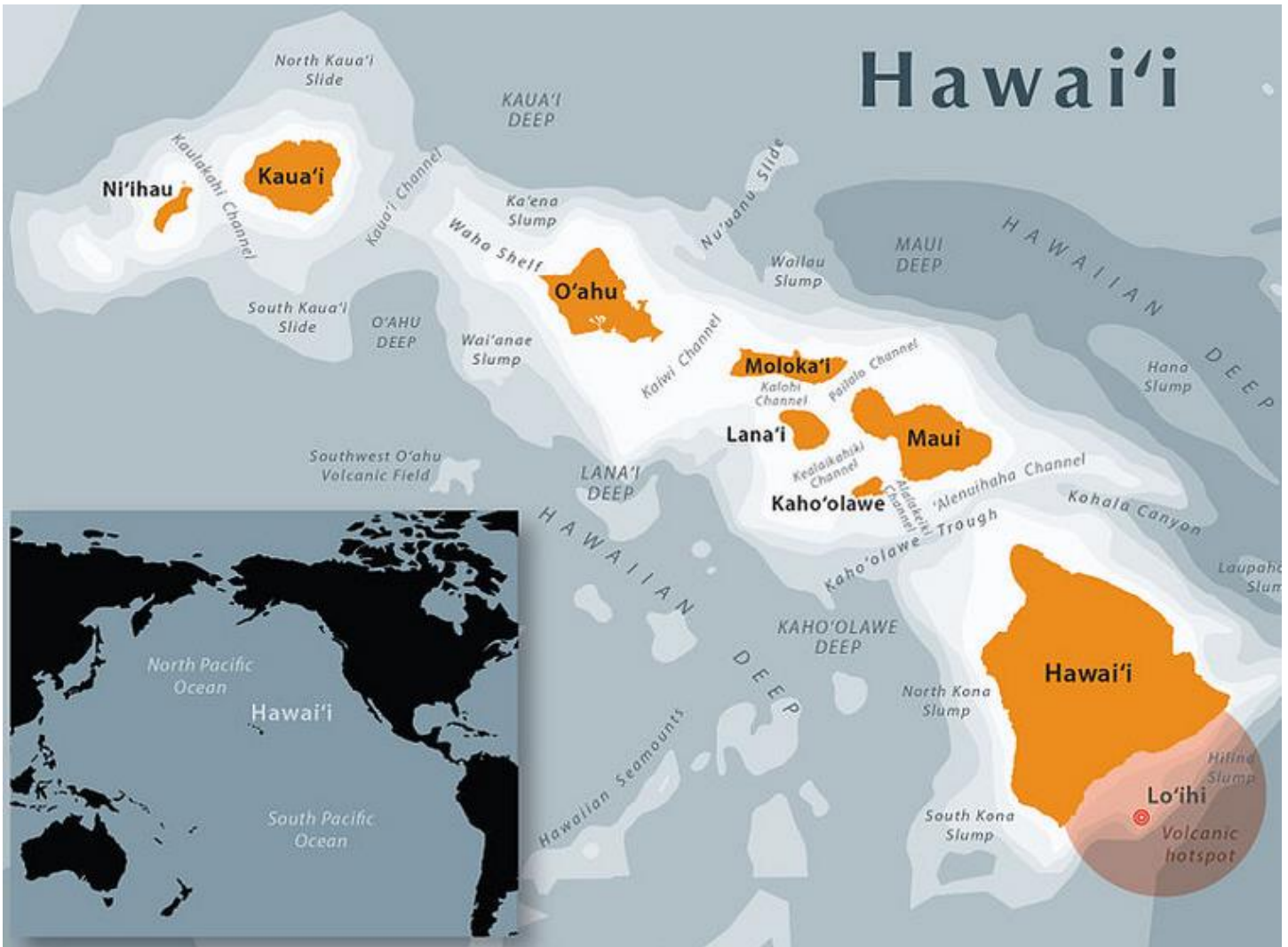


Lei Hulu (feather lei), Hawaiian Islands, 19th century, 'i'iwi, 'ō'ō, and 'ō'ū feathers,



Akua Ka'ai (stick image), late 18th-early 19th century

# Map



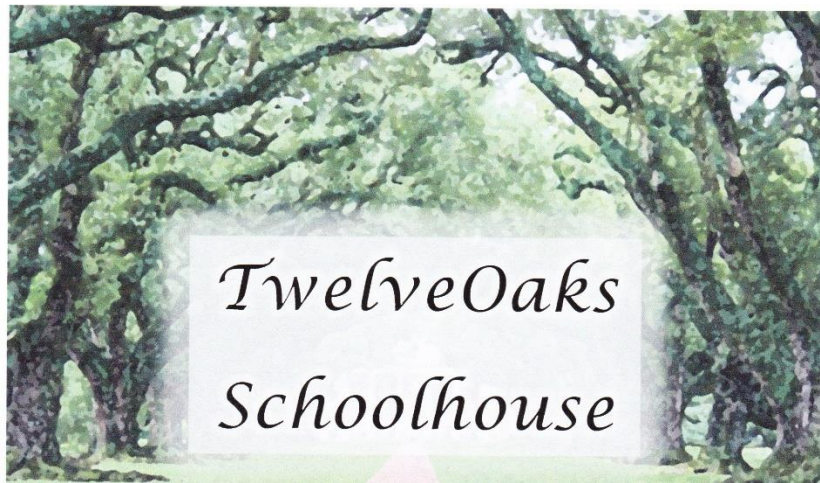
Iolani Palace on the island of O'ahu, Honolulu

## Discussion or Essay Questions

1. Ka'iulani's father was Scottish, her mother a princess of the Kingdom of Hawaii. How do you think Ka'iulani was raised? How do you think she was affected by both Hawaiian and British culture?
2. The princess was said to raise peacocks as pets. It was even rumored that at the time of her death, her pet peacocks cried out. Study peacocks, how they act, where they live, their biology, etc. Write or discuss your findings.
3. Her mother was said to make an eerie prophesy about Ka'iulani's life on her death bed. What did she say? Did it come true?
4. What happened during Ka'iulani's meeting with President Cleveland? What happened after President Cleveland's term was over?
5. Ka'iulani went to boarding school in England. How different was her life in England than her life in Hawaii? What did she study at school? Did she travel through Europe? If so, Where did she visit?

## Activities

- Make a timeline; start from when the first Europeans came to Hawaii, finish when Hawaii became the 50<sup>th</sup> State. Include all the important dates of Ka'iulani's life.
- Make a family tree or line of succession of the Hawaiian Monarchy for as far back as you can find.
- Mark on the map above important places you learn about during your study
- Choose a book to read from the list above and write a report on what you learned.
- Study Art, Science, Music and Culture from the late 19<sup>th</sup> Century
- Make a Hawaiian lei. Study it's symbolism.
- Watch the 2009 movie intitled, Princess Ka'iulani (rated PG)



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