

Lesson Plan and Quiz for Life in Hawaii

These facts and questions are also inside the game.

Study Guide:

- “Honolulu” means “sheltered bay” in Hawaiian.
- The Bishop Museum in Honolulu has Hawaii’s largest collection of natural history specimens.
- The Iolani Palace in Honolulu is the only royal palace in the United States.
- The world’s largest wind turbines are on the island of Oahu. They have two 400 foot long blades.
- Duke Kahanamoku, a competitive swimmer who popularized the sport of surfing, taught modern surfing on Waikiki Beach.
- English and Hawaiian are the two official languages of Honolulu.
- Just northeast of the heart of the city of Honolulu sits the highest point of the Koolau Range, Konahuanui, which reaches 3150 feet, or 960 meters.
- Leahi, also known as Diamond Head in English, is a crater formed 100,000 years ago, which was used as a military lookout in the early 1900’s.
- Hawaii became the 50th state of the United States in 1959.
- The crater known as Diamond Head, got its name from Western explorers and traders in the 1700’s when they found worthless calcite crystals and mistook them for diamonds.
- The closest location on the mainland United States to Honolulu is the Point Arena Lighthouse in California, which is 2,353 miles away.
- There are 50 state parks in Hawaii.
- The Pacific Ocean meets the shores of Honolulu. Which means that the Hawaiian Islands can be found in the Pacific Ocean.
- Surfing has been an integral part of Hawaiian culture, myths, and religion.
- The Waikiki Aquarium, located in the heart of Honolulu and built in 1904, is the second oldest public aquarium that still operates in all of the United States.
- After escaping from a private zoo in 1916, a small population of feral wallabies can still be found throughout Honolulu’s Kalihi Valley neighborhood.

- Evolving 500,000 years ago from the Canadian Goose, the Nene, or the Hawaiian Goose, is the rarest goose species in the world.
- It takes 4 hours to drive around the island of Oahu, which is the island that Honolulu is on.
- Honolulu county encompasses the whole island of Oahu.
- Honolulu is the state capital of Hawaii.
- Honolulu Harbor is one of the busiest ports in the United States, handling over 12 million tons of cargo each year.
- Honolulu exports the most coffee in the United States, because Hawaii is the only U.S. state that grows coffee on a commercial scale.
- The lowest temperature ever recorded in Honolulu was 52 degrees Fahrenheit, or close to 11 degrees Celsius.
- There are no native land snakes in Honolulu, or Hawaii in general. But there are native sea snakes!
- The air in Honolulu is the least polluted in the nation.

Quiz for Life in Hawaii

1. What does "Honolulu" mean in Hawaiian?
A - Sheltered bay
B - Island city
C - Where water meets land
D - Volcanic land
2. The Bishop Museum has the largest collection of _____.
A - Caveman
B - Art history
C - Natural history
D - Seed
3. The only royal palace in the United States is in Honolulu. What's it called?
A - Taj Mahal
B - Iolani Palace
C - The White House
D - The Kremlin
4. How long are the blades of the wind turbines on Oahu Island?
A - 50 feet
B - 200 feet
C - 400 feet
D - 1,000 feet
5. What beach did Duke Kahanamoku teach surfing at?
A - Waikiki
B - Kaimuki
C - Makiki
D - Waialae
6. What are the two official languages of Honolulu?
A - Pidgin and English
B - English and Japanese
C - Tagalog and Pidgin
D - Hawaiian and English

7. How tall is Konahuanui, in the Koolau Range?
- A - 718 ft/219 m
 - B - 3150 ft/960 m
 - C - 13,357 ft/4071 m
 - D - 29,029 ft/8848 m
8. What was Diamond Head Crater used for in the early 1900's?
- A - A strategic military lookout
 - B - Mining diamonds
 - C - Farmland
 - D - Surfing
9. What year did Hawaii become a state within the United States?
- A - 1879
 - B - 1901
 - C - 1959
 - D - 1987
10. Where does Diamond Head Crater get its name from?
- A - It's home to Hawaii's biggest diamond mining range
 - B - Western explorers mistook calcite for diamonds
 - C - The crater is shaped like a diamond
 - D - A Diamond is the national logo
11. Point Arena Lighthouse is how many miles from Honolulu?
- A - 191
 - B - 624
 - C - 2,353
 - D - 5,001
12. How many state parks are there in Hawaii?
- A - 14
 - B - 48
 - C - 50
 - D - 211
13. Which of the four oceans is Hawaii located in?
- A - Pacific Ocean
 - B - Atlantic Ocean
 - C - Arctic Ocean
 - D - Indian Ocean

14. What sport has deep roots in Hawaiian culture?

- A - Basketball
- B - Archery
- C - Badminton
- D - Surfing

15. What is the second oldest aquarium in the U.S.?

- A - Honolulu Zoo
- B - Kapaolono Community Swimming Pool
- C - Waikiki Aquarium
- D - Hawaii State Public Library

16. What animals escaped a private zoo on Oahu in 1916?

- A - Spider monkeys
- B - Raccoons
- C - Geckos
- D - Wallabies

17. What goose species is the rarest in the world?

- A - Hawaiian Goose
- B - Canada Goose
- C - Snow Goose
- D - Tula Fighting Goose

18. How long does it take to drive around the island of Oahu?

- A - 10 minutes
- B - 4 hours
- C - 1.5 hours
- D - 3 hours

19. The county of Honolulu encompasses what island?

- A - Maui
- B - Kaua'i
- C - Oahu
- D - Hawaii

20. What city is the capital of Hawaii?

- A - Pearl City
- B - Ewa
- C - Kaneohe
- D - Honolulu

21. How many tons of cargo does Honolulu Harbor handle per year?

- A - 500
- B - 9,000
- C - 400,000
- D - 12,000,000

22. Hawaii is the only U.S. state that grows what commercially?

- A - Coffee
- B - Bananas
- C - Lettuce
- D - Daisies

23. What was the lowest recorded temperature (in °F) in Honolulu?

- A - 12
- B - 52
- C - 28
- D - 77

24. Which of the following animals do not exist in Honolulu?

- A - Sea snakes
- B - Seals
- C - Native land snakes
- D - Bats

25. Honolulu has the least polluted what in the nation?

- A - Drinking water
- B - Air
- C - Sea
- D - Food

Answer Sheet

1. A
2. C
3. B
4. C
5. A
6. D
7. B
8. A
9. C
10. B
11. C
12. C
13. A
14. D
15. C
16. D
17. A
18. B
19. C
20. D
21. D
22. A
23. B
24. C
25. B