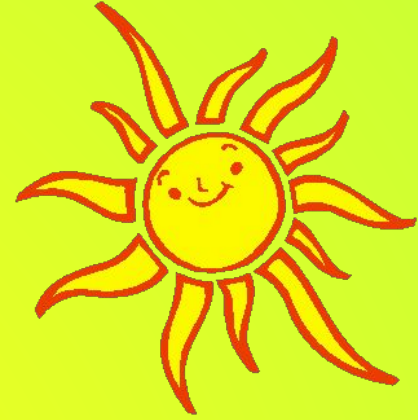
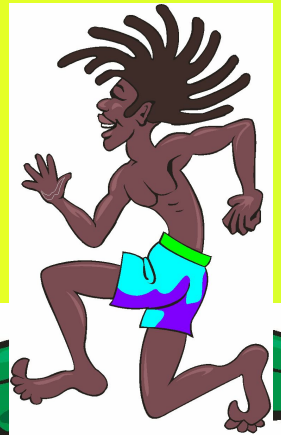


Hawaii,



the 50th state
of the USA

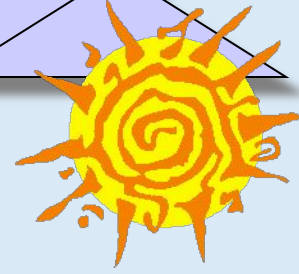


Pacific



Paradise

Hawaii became part
of
the Union in 1959.



PACIFIC OCEAN

P O L Y N E S I A

The 50th state is situated
in the Pacific Ocean.



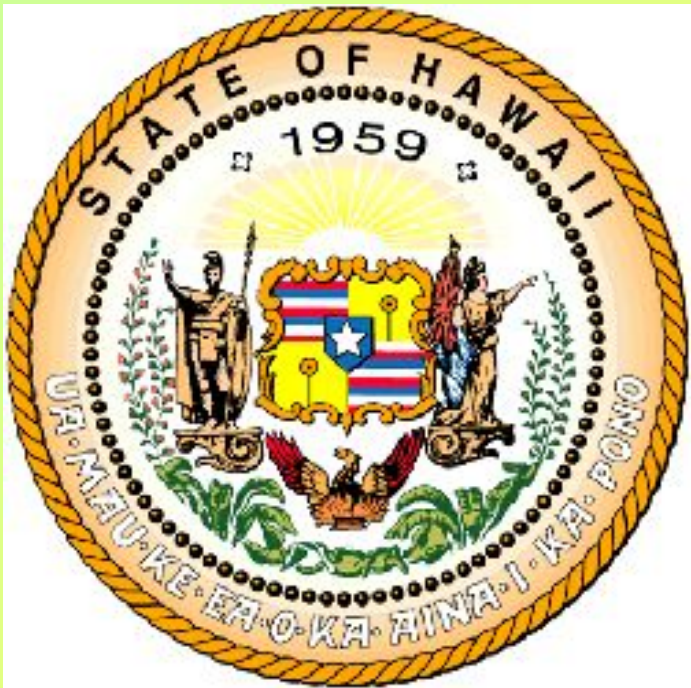


State Nicknames: Aloha
State,

State Motto: Paradise of the Pacific
Land

Capital: Honolulu in
"Righteousness"





State Seal:

The basic design of Hawaii's state seal has been in use since 1894, but the legend now reads "State of Hawaii" rather than "Republic of Hawaii."





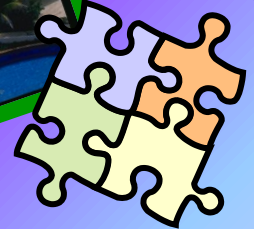
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bird is

the nene.

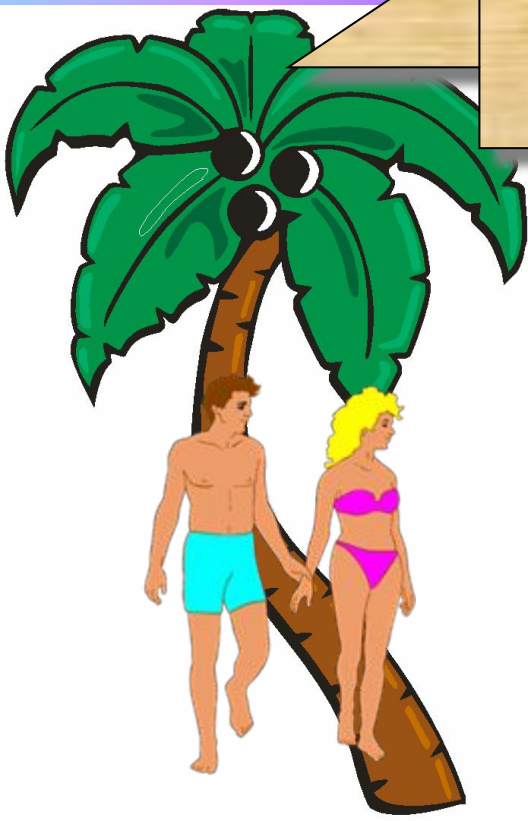


Hawaii's state tree is
the kukui, or candlenut.



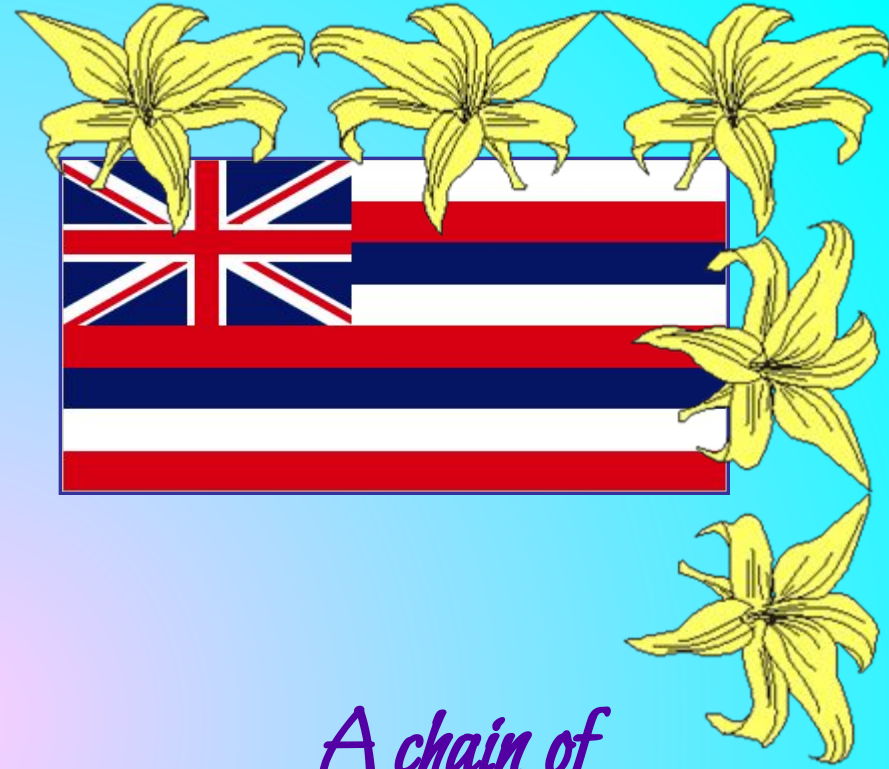


The state flower
is the hibiscus.





*Hawaii was not always
a green, sunny paradise.
These islands were born
in fire and smoke.*

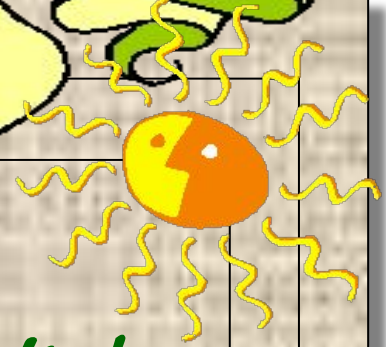


*A chain of
volcanoes slowly
grew up under
the Pacific Ocean.*





Volcanoes

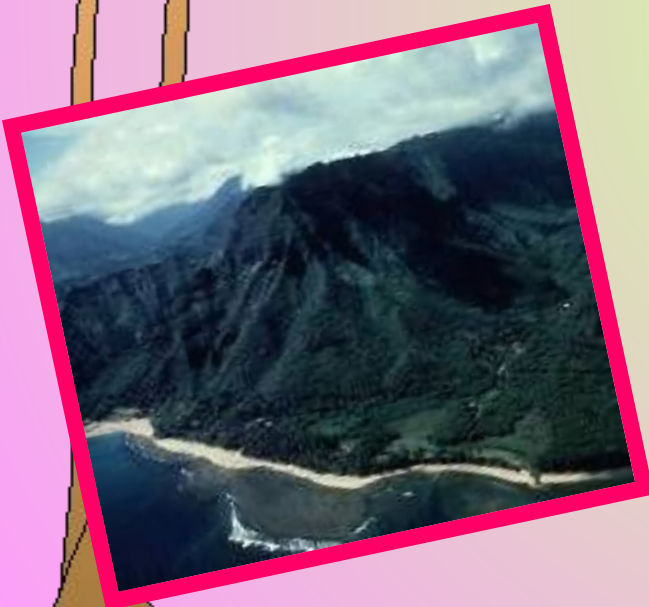


*Tourists climb
to the top
of the quiet
Haleakala
Volcano
to see
the sunrise.*

An illustration of two palm trees with green fronds and brown trunks on the left side. In the top right corner, there is a yellow sun with wavy rays. The background is a light purple color with a blue and yellow border.

Na Pali Coast on the Island of Kauai

The Na Pali coast is a rugged mountainous region on the northwest coast in Hawaii. The nature of Na Pali's terrain made it impossible to build a road encircling the entire island.



Silversword Fern



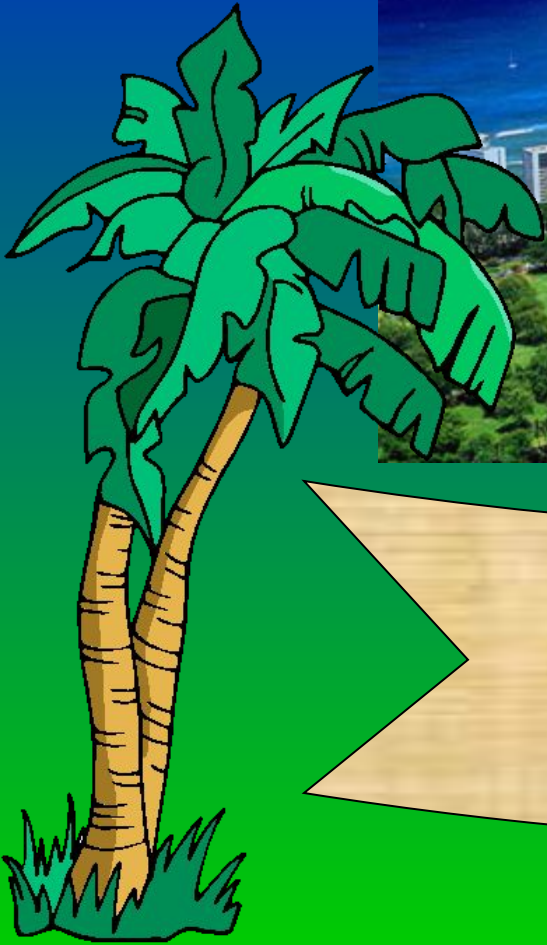
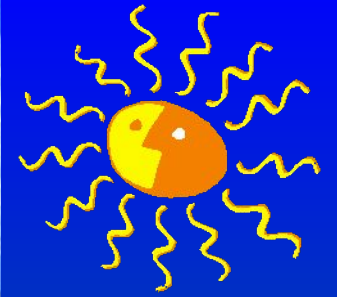
Haleakala National Park,
on Maui Island is one of the few
locations in the world
where the silversword fern
can be found.

The fern grows along Haleakala
Crater,
the world's largest
inactive volcanic crater.

*People from many
nations come
to live in Hawaii.
The newcomers brought
new plants and animals.*



*Orchids didn't always
grow on the islands.*



Oahu

*is sometimes called the
Capital Island because
the city of Honolulu
is located there.*



Iolani Palace, Honolulu

Iolani Palace in Honolulu, built between 1879 and 1882, was the royal residence



*of the last two rulers
of the Hawaiian Kingdom.*

*It also served as the territorial and state
capitol in the past.*

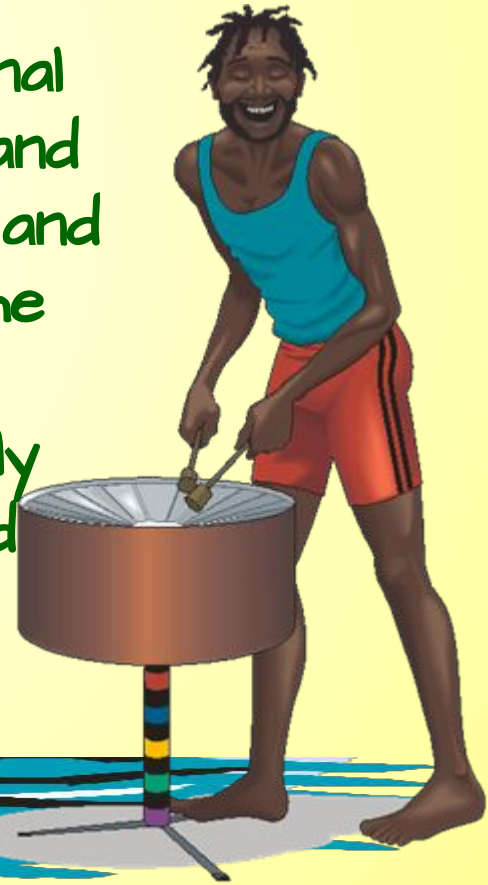




Hawaiian Festival

Hawaiians gather in traditional Polynesian dress to dance and celebrate both their origins and the cultural diversity of the islands.

Hawaii is the most ethnically diverse state in the United States.

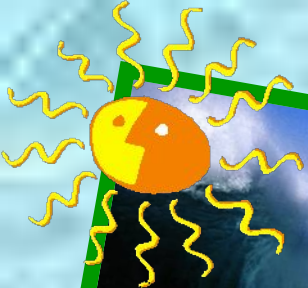


Hula Dancing

These dancers, clothed in characteristic long skirts, perform the hula dance.

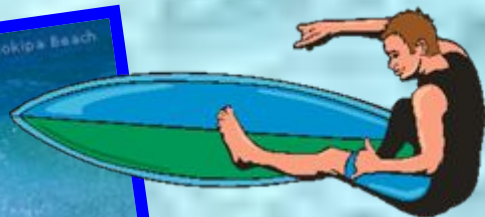
Originally a religious dance, the hula now tells a story through the winding movements of the dancers.





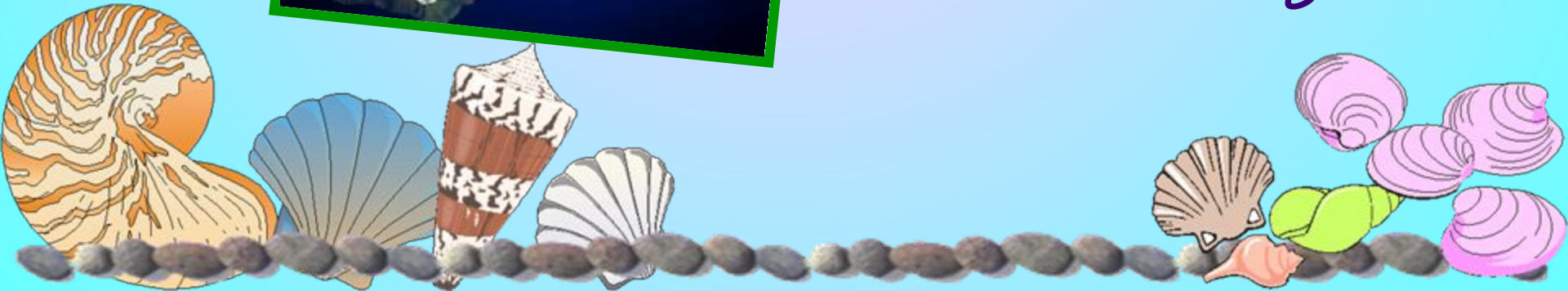
Surfing at Waimea Bay

Hawaii is famous for its large-wave surfing, especially for the notorious swells of the Bonzai Pipeline, where surfers ride waves in excess of 9 m (30 ft) in height.





*Many of Hawaii's smaller
islands
are too small
for people.
The Leeward
Islands are
a wildlife refuge.*





**Breathtaking
beauty**

*Up until now, Hawaii's islands
have kept their natural beauty.
How much longer will this
paradise last?*

