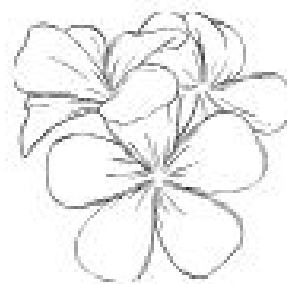


Lei Day



THE STORY BEHIND LEI READING COMPREHENSION

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THE STORY BEHIND LEI

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ORIGINS OF LEI DAY

The story of Lei Day began in the early 20th century when poet and writer Iwano Liliuokalani proposed the idea of a day dedicated to celebrating the lei—a cherished symbol of love and Hawaiian hospitality. Inspired by the beauty and cultural significance of the lei, she envisioned a day of celebration that would honor the art of lei-making and the spirit of aloha among Hawaiians and visitors alike.

CELEBRATIONS

First, Lei Day was celebrated in Honolulu as a day of lei-making and lei-wearing. The concept of Lei Day spread to other parts of Hawaii, with many communities celebrating their own unique versions of the day. The celebration is a day of love, affection, and respect.

MEANING OF THE LEI

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AND EVERY LEI

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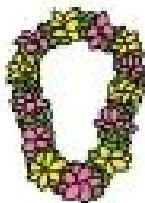
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THE STORY BEHIND LEI

Lei Day in Hawaii is not just a date on the calendar, it's a celebration deeply rooted in the traditions, values, and spirit of aloha that define Hawaiian culture. Behind every lei, every hula dance, and every joyful gathering lies a story of love, connection, and the enduring legacy of the islands. Join us as we uncover the rich history and meaning behind Lei Day, a day that honors the essence of Hawaii and its people.



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envisioned a day of festivities that would honor the art of lei making and promote the spirit of aloha among residents and visitors alike.

MAY DAY CELEBRATIONS

In 1927, the first Lei Day was celebrated in Honolulu, coinciding with the traditional May Day festivities. The inaugural Lei Day featured music, hula performances, lei-making demonstrations, and a grand lei contest, where artisans showcased their skill and creativity in crafting exquisite leis from an array of natural materials. The event captured the imagination of the public and quickly became an annual tradition.

SYMBOLISM OF THE LEI

Central to Lei Day is the lei itself - a symbol of love, respect, and connection that holds deep cultural and spiritual significance in Hawaiian culture. Made from flowers, leaves, shells, or feathers, each lei carries its own unique meaning and is often given as a gesture of welcome, farewell, or celebration. The act of giving and receiving a lei is a heartfelt expression of aloha, fostering bonds of friendship and unity.

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CULTURAL PRESERVATION

Lei Day plays a vital role in preserving and perpetuating Hawaiian cultural traditions, ensuring that the art of lei making and the spirit of aloha are passed down from one generation to the next. Through lei-making workshops, hula performances, and cultural demonstrations, Lei Day provides an opportunity for residents and visitors to connect with Hawaii's rich heritage and deepen their appreciation for its unique culture.

COMMUNITY AND OHANA

At its core, Lei Day is a celebration of community and ohana - the Hawaiian concept of family and interconnectedness. Whether it's gathering with loved ones for a beachside picnic, attending a lei-making workshop, or joining in a hula performance, Lei Day brings people together to celebrate their shared heritage and strengthen the bonds that unite them.

CONCLUSION

As we celebrate Lei Day, let us honor the traditions, values, and spirit of aloha that define Hawaiian culture. May Lei Day be a time of joy, gratitude, and connection as we come together to weave the stories of our past into the fabric of our present, ensuring that the legacy of Lei Day lives on for generations to come. Aloha mai, aloha aku - love received, love given. Happy Lei Day!

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THE STORY BEHIND EVERY LEI

DIRECTIONS: CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANSWER.

1. Who proposed the idea of Lei Day?
A) King Kamehameha
B) Queen Liliuokalani
C) Don Blanding
D) Duke Kahanamoku
2. When was the first Lei Day celebrated?
A) 1927
B) 1935
C) 1945
D) 1955
3. What coincided with the first Lei Day celebration in Honolulu?
A) Christmas
B) Thanksgiving
C) May Day
D) Independence Day
4. What is the lei symbolized as in Hawaiian culture?
A) Wealth and status
B) Power and authority
C) Love, respect, and connection
D) Isolation and indifference
5. What is the primary purpose of Lei Day?
A) To promote competition
B) To honor and preserve Hawaiian cultural traditions
C) To discourage cultural preservation
D) To Forget Hawaiian heritage

SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS

1. Who proposed the idea of Lei Day?
2. When was the first Lei Day celebrated?
3. What coincided with the first Lei Day celebration?
4. What does the lei symbolize in Hawaiian culture?
5. What is the primary purpose of Lei Day?

5. What role does Lei Day play in Hawaiian culture?
A) It promotes forgetting cultural traditions.
B) It discourages cultural appreciation.
C) It ensures the passing down of cultural traditions to future generations.
D) It disregards the importance of cultural heritage.

2. What concept does Lei Day celebrate?
A) Competition
B) Status
C) Community and shared experiences
D) Isolation

3. What activities might one participate in during Lei Day celebrations?
A) Song competitions
B) Video game tournaments
C) Lei-making workshops and hula performances
D) Chess matches

4. What does the phrase "aloha mai, aloha e" mean?
A) Welcome
B) Farewell
C) Love received, love given
D) Thank you very much

10. What is the overarching theme of Lei Day?
A) Embracing the spirit of competition
B) Promoting isolation and indifference
C) Honoring and preserving Hawaiian cultural traditions
D) Encouraging technological advancement

ANSWER KEY

MCQ'S

1. C) Don Blanding
2. A) 1927
3. C) Love, respect, and connection
4. C) To honor and preserve Hawaiian cultural traditions
5. B) To ensure the passing down of cultural traditions to future generations

SHORT-ANSWER QUESTIONS:

1. Don Blanding proposed the idea of Lei Day.
2. The first Lei Day was celebrated in 1927.
3. The first Lei Day celebration in Honolulu coincided with May Day.
4. The lei symbolizes love, respect, and connection in Hawaiian culture.
5. The primary purpose of Lei Day is to honor and preserve Hawaiian cultural traditions.

ANSWER KEY INCLUDED

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