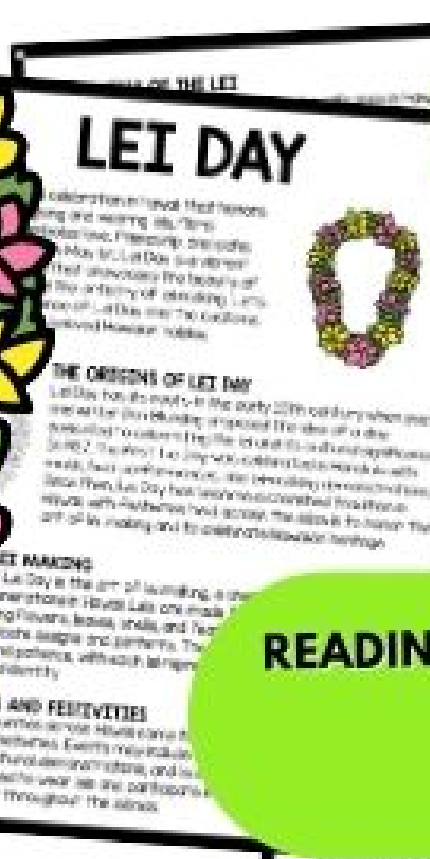
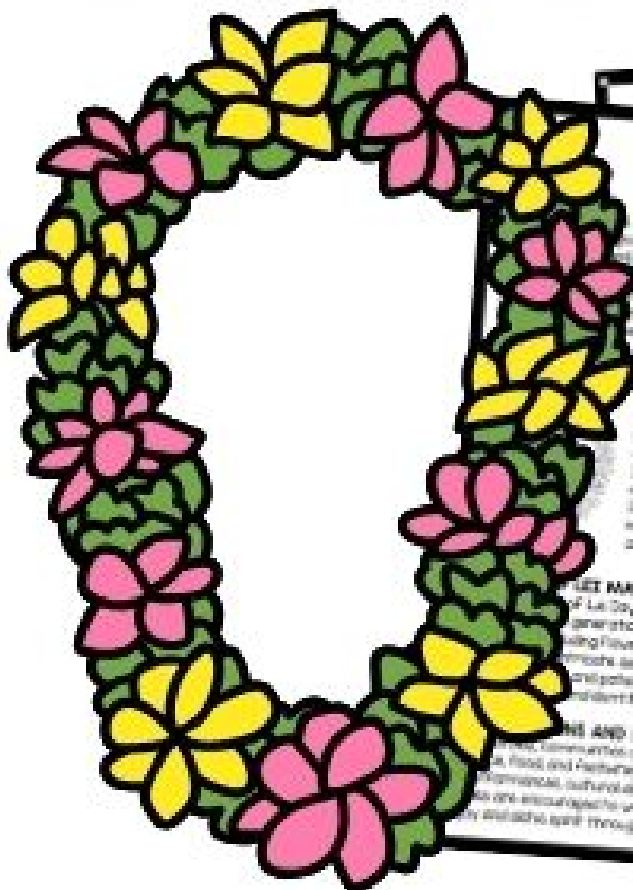


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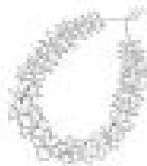
LEI DAY

Lei Day is a special celebration in Hawaii that honors the tradition of giving and wearing leis, floral garlands that symbolize love, friendship, and aloha spirit. Held annually on May 1st, Lei Day is a vibrant and joyous occasion that showcases the beauty of Hawaiian culture and the artistry of lei-making. Let's explore the significance of Lei Day and the customs associated with this beloved Hawaiian holiday.



THE ORIGINS OF LEI DAY

Lei Day has its roots in the early 20th century when poet and writer Don Blanding proposed the idea of a day dedicated to celebrating the lei and its cultural significance. In 1927, the first Lei Day was celebrated in Honolulu with music, hula performances, and lei-making demonstrations. Since then, Lei Day has become a cherished tradition in Hawaii, with festivities held across the islands to honor the art of lei-making and to celebrate Hawaiian heritage.



THE ART OF LEI MAKING

At the heart of Lei Day is the art of lei-making, a cherished tradition passed down through generations in Hawaii. Leis are made from a variety of natural materials, including flowers, leaves, shells, and feathers, and are carefully crafted into intricate designs and patterns. The process of lei-making requires skill, creativity, and patience, with each lei representing a unique expression of aloha and cultural identity.

CELEBRATIONS AND FESTIVITIES

On Lei Day, communities across Hawaii come together to celebrate with music, dance, food, and festivities. Events may include lei-making workshops, hula performances, cultural demonstrations, and lei contests. Visitors and locals alike are encouraged to wear leis and participate in the festivities, spreading joy and aloha spirit throughout the islands.

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SYMBOLISM OF THE LEI

The lei holds deep cultural and spiritual significance in Hawaiian culture, symbolizing love, respect, and connection to the land and community. It is often given as a gesture of welcome, farewell, or celebration, and is worn on special occasions such as weddings, graduations, and birthdays. The act of giving and receiving a lei is a heartfelt expression of aloha, fostering bonds of friendship and unity.

PRESERVING HAWAIIAN CULTURE

Lei Day is not only a time of celebration but also an opportunity to honor and preserve Hawaiian culture and traditions. Through lei-making, dance, music, and storytelling, Lei Day promotes cultural awareness and appreciation, ensuring that the rich heritage of Hawaii continues to thrive for future generations.



CONCLUSION

As we celebrate Lei Day, let us embrace the spirit of aloha and the beauty of Hawaiian culture. May this special day remind us of the importance of love, connection, and unity, and inspire us to cherish and preserve the traditions that make Hawaii so unique and beloved. Aloha mai, aloha aku - love received, love given. Happy Lei Day!

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SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS

1. When and where did the first lei take place?
2. What is the significance of lei making?
3. What activities are commonly associated with lei making?
4. How does Lei Day contribute to Hawaiian culture?
5. What does the phrase "Maia mai, aloha mau" mean in the context of Lei Day?

6. What does the lei symbolize in Hawaii?
A) Love, respect, and connection
B) Anger and frustration
C) Disconnection from the land
D) Indifference to community bonds

7. What is encouraged during Lei Day?
A) Learning lei
B) Wearing formal attire
C) Staying indoors
D) Avoiding all social activities

8. What is the primary purpose of Lei Day?
A) To discourage outdoor activities
B) To honor and preserve Hawaiian culture
C) To promote cultural appreciation
D) To forget Hawaiian heritage

9. What sentiment does the act of giving lei express?
A) Gratitude
B) Joy and unity
C) Frustration
D) Frustration

10. What is the concluding phrase that is often used at the end of Lei Day?
A) "Maia mai, aloha mau" - love received, love given
B) "Mahalo nui loa" - thank you very much
C) "E komo mai" - welcome
D) "A hui hou" - until we meet again

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LEI DAY

DIRECTIONS: CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANSWER.

1. When is Lei Day celebrated annually?

- A) April 1st
- B) May 1st
- C) June 1st
- D) July 1st

2. Who proposed the idea of a day dedicated to celebrating the lei?

- A) Don Blasing
- B) King Kamehameha
- C) Queen Liliuokalani
- D) Duke Kahanamoku

3. What are leis made from?

- A) Only flowers
- B) Only feathers
- C) Various natural materials
- D) Synthetic materials

4. What is the significance of lei making in Hawaiian culture?

- A) It is a recent tradition
- B) It requires no skill
- C) It represents a unique expression of aloha and cultural identity
- D) It is only done on Lei Day

5. What activities might one find during Lei Day celebrations?

- A) Cooking competitions
- B) Lei-making workshops
- C) Car racing
- D) Science exhibitions

ANSWER KEY

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1. B) May 1st
2. A) Don Blasing
3. C) Various natural materials
4. C) It represents a unique expression of aloha and cultural identity
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6. A) Love, respect, and connection
7. A) Learning lei
8. B) To honor and preserve Hawaiian culture
9. C) Gratitude
10. A) "Maia mai, aloha mau" - love received, love given

SHORT-ANSWER QUESTIONS:

1. The first Lei Day celebration took place in Honolulu in 1931.
2. Lei making workshops, lei-making competitions, and lei-making contests are common activities during Lei Day celebrations.
3. Lei Day promotes cultural appreciation and education, contributing to the preservation of Hawaiian traditions.
4. "Maia mai, aloha mau" means "love received, love given" in the context of Lei Day.

ANSWER KEY INCLUDED

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