

# AAPI Heritage Month

# DUKE KAHANAMO

## READING COMPREHENSION

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**OLYMPIC GLORY**  
Duke Kahanamoku

### DUKE KAHANAMO

Duke Kahanamoku (Hawaiian: Kahanamoku) was born on August 24, 1890, in Honolulu, Hawaii, into a family with a rich heritage of canoeing and surfing. Growing up in Hawaii, Duke was immersed in the vibrant Hawaiian culture and spent much of his youth in and around the ocean, honing his swimming and surfing abilities from a young age.

**EDUCATION**  
Despite limited formal education, Duke's close connection to the ocean provided him with invaluable life lessons and skills. He attended the Kamehameha Schools in Honolulu, where he continued to develop his athletic prowess, excelling in swimming and surfing, which would become his life's passion.

**OLYMPIC SUCCESS**  
Duke's natural talent and dedication led him to become a pioneer in the world of competitive swimming. He represented the United States at the 1900 Summer Olympics in Paris, where he won a gold medal in the 100-meter freestyle. He also competed in the 1904 Summer Olympics in St. Louis, where he won a gold medal in the 100-meter freestyle and a silver medal in the 200-meter freestyle. Duke's success in the Olympics solidified his reputation as one of the greatest swimmers of his era.

**HERITAGE**  
Duke Kahanamoku is remembered not only for his athletic achievements but also for his role in introducing surfing to the rest of the world. He is often referred to as the "father of modern surfing" and is credited with popularizing the sport in the United States and around the world.

**LEGACY**  
Duke Kahanamoku's legacy lives on through his many accomplishments and his enduring impact on the world of swimming and surfing. He is a true hero and a symbol of Hawaiian pride and excellence.

**ANAMO**

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BIRTH DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

BIRTH PLACE: \_\_\_\_\_

DEATH DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

DEATH PLACE: \_\_\_\_\_

EDUCATION: \_\_\_\_\_

CAREER: \_\_\_\_\_

ACHIEVEMENTS: \_\_\_\_\_

LEGACY: \_\_\_\_\_

READING COMPREHENSION  
MCQ'S  
QUESTIONS  
ANSWER KEY

## READING PASSAGES WITH TEXT DEPENDENT QUESTIONS

# DUKE KAHANAMO

Duke Paoa Kahalo Mokoe Huleihoua Kahanamoku was born on August 24, 1890, in Honolulu, Hawaii, into a family with a rich heritage of oceanic skill and tradition. Growing up in Ikaika, Duke was immersed in the vibrant Hawaiian culture and spent much of his youth in and around the ocean, honing his swimming and surfing abilities from a young age.



### EDUCATION

Despite limited formal education, Duke's deep connection to the ocean provided him with invaluable life lessons and skills. He attended The Kamehameha Schools in Honolulu, where he continued to develop his athletic prowess, particularly in swimming and surfing, which would later become his lifelong passions.

### OLYMPIC SUCCESS

Duke Kahanamoku's athletic prowess extended beyond the shores of Hawaii to the international stage of the Olympic Games. At the 1912 Stockholm Olympics, Duke made a historic splash by clinching gold in the 100-meter Freestyle, showcasing his unparalleled speed and skill in the water. His remarkable performance continued as he contributed to the United States team's success, earning a silver medal in the 4x200-meter Freestyle relay. Duke's dominance in swimming was further affirmed in subsequent Olympic competitions, where he continued to demonstrate his unparalleled talent and cement his status as one of the greatest swimmers of his era.

### AMBASSADOR OF ALOHA

Beyond his athletic achievements, Duke Kahanamoku played a pivotal role in popularizing surfing around the world. He introduced the sport to Australia and California, spreading the joy and excitement of riding waves to new audiences. Duke's charismatic personality and genuine love for surfing helped elevate the sport to unprecedented levels of popularity.

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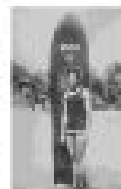
### OLYMPIC GLORY

Duke Kahanamoku's Olympic career spanned over two decades, earning him a total of five medals, including three golds. His triumphs in swimming, particularly in the 100-meter Freestyle, showcased his exceptional speed and skill in the water. Duke's legacy as an Olympic champion remains indelible, symbolizing

his enduring impact on the world of competitive sports.

### SURFING PIONEER

Duke Kahanamoku's influence on surfing transcended borders, as he introduced the sport to new audiences in Australia and California. His charismatic personality and love for the ocean helped elevate surfing's popularity to unprecedented levels. Duke's pioneering efforts not only popularized surfing internationally but also established it as a symbol of Hawaiian culture and identity.



### CULTURAL ICON

Duke Kahanamoku's legacy extends far beyond his athletic achievements, as he is revered as a cultural icon in Hawaii and beyond. His embodiment of the spirit of aloha and his commitment to spreading Hawaiian culture left an indelible mark on society. Duke's legacy serves as a beacon of humility, respect, and stewardship of the ocean, inspiring generations to embrace these values.

### LEGACY

Duke Kahanamoku's legacy continues to inspire generations of athletes, surfers, and ocean enthusiasts worldwide. His impact on both competitive swimming and surfing helped shape the modern sports landscape, while his commitment to spreading aloha left an enduring imprint on Hawaiian culture and identity. Duke's legacy serves as a reminder of the power of sport to unite people across cultures and generations, fostering a deep reverence for the ocean and its timeless beauty.

## READING COMPREHENSION

### COLORED & B/W VERSIONS INCLUDED

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# DUKE KAHANAMO

DIRECTIONS: CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANSWER.

1. Where was Duke Kahanamoku born?  
a) Los Angeles, California  
b) Hanalei, Hawaii  
c) Sydney, Australia  
d) Auckland, New Zealand
2. What was Duke Kahanamoku's birth name?  
a) Duke Paoa Kahanamoku  
b) Duke Huihikohala Kahanamoku  
c) Duke Kahinu Moku Kahanamoku  
d) Duke Paoa Kahinu Moku Huihikohala Kahanamoku
3. In which sport did Duke Kahanamoku achieve Olympic success?  
a) Surfing  
b) Swimming  
c) Basketball  
d) Track and Field
4. How many Olympic medals did Duke Kahanamoku win in total?  
a) Two  
b) Three  
c) Four  
d) Five
5. Where did Duke Kahanamoku introduce surfing to new audiences?  
a) Hawaii  
b) Japan  
c) Australia and California  
d) South Africa

## SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS

1. Where was Duke Kahanamoku born?
2. What Olympic medals did Duke win?
3. In which sports did Duke have success?
4. Where did Duke Kahanamoku introduce surfing?
5. What values does Duke Kahanamoku represent?

## 5. Which Olympic Games did Duke win the 100-meter Freestyle?

- a) 1900 London Olympics
- b) 1904 St. Louis Olympics
- c) 1920 Antwerp Olympics
- d) 1896 Paris Olympics

## 2. What values does Duke Kahanamoku represent?

- a) Unity, diversity, and inclusion
- b) Family, respect, and environmental stewardship
- c) Innovation, determination, and perseverance
- d) Creativity, resilience, and exploration

## 4. What role did Duke Kahanamoku play in introducing surfing to new audiences?

- a) He invented the surfboard
- b) He introduced surfing to Australia and Hawaii
- c) He wrote books about surfing
- d) He competed in surfing competitions

## 3. Which school did Duke Kahanamoku attend?

- a) Punahou School
- b) Kamehameha Schools
- c) Yale School
- d) Hawaiian School

## 10. What is Duke Kahanamoku revered as in Hawaiian culture?

- a) A cultural ambassador
- b) A folk hero
- c) A surfing legend
- d) A community leader

# ANSWER KEY

MCQ'S

1. b) Hanalei, Hawaii
2. d) Duke Paoa Kahanamoku, Duke Huihikohala Kahanamoku
3. b) Swimming
4. d) Hawaii
5. c) Australia and California
6. b) 1904 St. Louis Olympics
7. b) Family, respect, and environmental stewardship
8. b) He introduced surfing to Australia and California
9. b) Kamehameha Schools
10. c) A surfing legend

## SHORT-ANSWER QUESTIONS

1. Duke Kahanamoku was born in Hanalei, Hawaii.
2. Duke Kahanamoku won a total of five Olympic medals.
3. Duke Kahanamoku achieved Olympic success in swimming.
4. Duke Kahanamoku introduced surfing to new audiences in Australia and California.
5. Duke Kahanamoku is revered as a surfing legend, a community leader, and a folk hero in Hawaiian culture.

ANSWER KEY INCLUDED

10 - MCQ'S & 5 QUESTIONS

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