

Activity #1

Climate Connections

● ● In Advance Student Assignment

• Assign the Student Page "Climate Connections" (pp. 7-9) as homework.

• • • Class Period One Climate Connections

Materials & Setup

- 'Auhea wale ana oe E ka ua 'Ulalena acetate (master, p. 6)
- Overhead projector and screen
- Map of Maui

For each student

• Student Page "Climate Connections" (pp. 7-9)

Instructions _____

- 1) Show the "'Auhea wale ana oe E ka ua 'Ulalena" acetate. Have one or more students read the Hawaiian chant, then read the English translation. Ask the class why they think Hawaiians would be strongly connected to the rains and weather of specific places. Ask if they know anyone who is a keen weather observer.
- 2) Ask students to share some of their responses to the questions on the "Climate Connections" homework assignment. Begin with the place names and their meanings. Locate each place on the map as you discuss it. Then ask several students to share their rain descriptions, and locate the places they describe on the map as well.
- 3) Allow students the rest of the class period to write on one or more of the journal topics suggested below.

Journal Ideas_

- Why was it important for early Hawaiians to observe, understand, and be able to predict the weather?
- Why is observing and understanding—and even predicting—the weather important to you and the activities you do?
- Do you have friends or family who live in more severe climates than Hawai'i? How is knowing about the weather important to them?
- Have you ever lived in a place where it rained a lot? What was it like to live there?

Assessment Tools

- Student Page "Climate Connections"
- Participation in the class discussion
- Journal entries



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'Auhea wale ana oe - E ka ua 'Ulalena

Auhea wale ana oe E ka ua 'Ulalena Kahiko mai la i uka I ka nani o Pi'iholo Ua like me Koʻopua Noho mai la i 'Awalau Au a'e nei ka mana'o E pili me ke aloha Aloha o Makawao I ka ua Ūkiukiu He tiu na ka Nāulu I ke tula o Kama'oma'o O ka loa ka'u i ana I ka oni o ka lihilihi Ilihia iho nei loko I ka ukana o ke aloha Haina mai ka puana Makaihiana he inoa.

Oh where are you, 'Ulalena rain, Beautiful one of the upland The beauty of Pi'iholo Is like the clouds That nestle over 'Awalau. The mind reaches out To be near the loved ones, Beloved is Makawao With its Ukiukiu rain. It is a scout for the Nāulu rain On the plain of Kama'oma'o I measured its length With a single glance, A thrill possesses me With this thing called love, This ends my song, In honor of Makaihiana.

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