



Makahiki

Aloha & Welcome

Aloha kākou! Greetings and welcome! ‘O Kalani ko‘u inoa. My name is Kalani, and I am so glad you have joined us on this exciting journey where we will learn about Makahiki, an important tradition in Hawaiian history.

As in many different cultures, there are significant events that reflect a time of celebration and thanksgiving. For the Hawaiians, Makahiki is often compared to the American Thanksgiving Day, but it can also be viewed as the Hawaiian New Year.

Makahiki was a special and joyful time during the approximate months of October or early November through late February or early March. Even today, people continue to respect and take pleasure in perpetuating the traditions associated with Makahiki.

On this journey, you will learn about the important aspects of Makahiki from a traditional perspective, and hopefully have the opportunity to share this experience with your students.

Within each section you’ll find content, goals, and suggested activities that can be incorporated into your curriculum.

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Mākaukau ‘oe e ho‘omaka? Are you ready to begin? Maika‘i! Great! E ho‘omaka nō! Let’s begin!