

Standard 3: History: HISTORY OF THE HAWAIIAN KINGDOM-Understand important historical events in the history of the Hawaii Kingdom

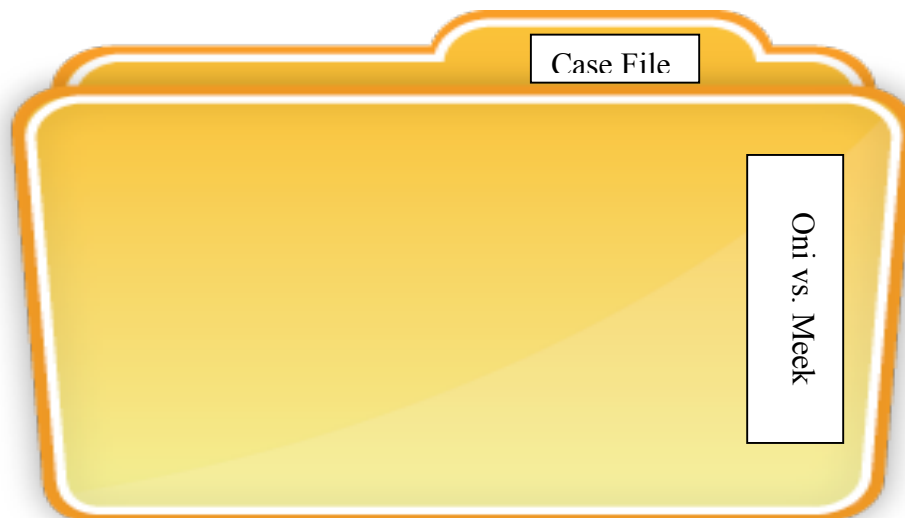
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Describe the Mahele of 1848, why it came about, and the social, political, economic effect it had on native Hawaiians and others.

HISTORICAL SCENE INVESTIGATION (HSI)

Historical Scene Investigations is an inquiry project where students will be faced with a problem to solve. This is a differentiated project where students will choose which level to stop at. The higher the level completed, the higher the grade. Even though the student completes the requirement for a certain level doesn't necessarily mean that they will receive the grade. Students will need to review the rubric and the expectations of what is required. If the expectations are not met, students could end up getting an approaching or well below grade.

During the course of the project, students will be quizzed on certain evidences that they needed review. This is to help ensure that students are understanding the readings given to them.



Oni vs. Meek

Becoming a Detective

John Meek seized and sold two young mares that Mr. Oni pastured on land Meek leased from Ha‘alelea. Meek claimed the horses had no right to pasture on land that he had leased.

Oni claimed the right to pasture his animals on the land division as one of his traditional tenant rights. Oni said that although his house and taro lands had been awarded to him as private property, he continued to work labor days for Ha‘alelea.

Ha‘alelea later testified that after the land was divided as private property, his tenants asked for the right to work labor days so they could continue to have their traditional rights to pasture.

Police Court of Honolulu, On September 22, 1858 the Police Court of Honolulu rendered a judgment for Oni. Mr. Meek was ordered to pay \$80.00 for two horses and \$4.00 in court costs.

At the request of the defendant, Mr. Meek, the case has been appealed to the Hawaii Supreme Court to determine if justice was served in the case of Oni vs Meek. As an appeals judge, your job is to examine the following documents to decide if the verdicts were fair, and if not, correct the error from the lower court’s decision.

Was justice served?

***Central to this case is the issue of land ownership in Hawaii. In your research you must investigate how land ownership in Hawaii changed over time and what effects (like the case above) did these changes have upon the Native Hawaiians. Of much importance is your understanding of the Great Mahele and the ability of Hawaiians and Foreigners to own land in Hawaii.**

Investigating the Evidence

- *Document A: Oni vs. Meek Transcripts
- *Document B: Land Ownership Reading 1
- *Document C: Land Ownership Reading 2
- *Document D: Land Ownership Reading 3
- *Document E: History of Land Ownership in Hawaii and Mahele
- *Document F: Letter of Distress #1 (Hio and 54 others)
- *Document G: Letter of Distress #2 (Puamana at Kapukawai)
- *Document H: Letter of Distress #3 (Kuloku and 61 others)
- *Document I: Hawaiian Customs and Traditions #1
- *Document J: Hawaiian Customs and Traditions #2
- *Document K: Letter from William Little Lee, American Lawyer
- *Document L: After the Kuleana Act (Excerpts)

Searching for Clues (Formative)

Asking questions and taking notes (Detective Log)

Create a flow map showing Hawaii's land history.

Memo #1: What was the Mahele of 1848? Explain how Hawaiians & Foreigners were able to own land.

Memo #2: Why did the Mahele occur?

Memo #3: Choose a thinking map that would best show what caused the Mahele and examples of the effects (Political, Social and Economic) as a result of the Mahele.

Cracking the Case (Summative)

Based on your research about Hawaii's land history, please write a decision whether or not justice was served to Mr. Meek. Was the lower court ruling correct when they decided in favor of Mr. Oni. Please turn in the following:

1. Summary of how the Great Mahele came about (your Exhibit A)
2. Effects of the Mahele on the Native Hawaiians - this can be done with thinking maps or written out (your Exhibit B).
3. Finally give your decision based on all of the evidence that you have gathered (from your detective log, readings, and memos). State your main reasons and support it with details.

Rubric

Advanced (CRACKING THE CASE)	Proficient (SEARCHING FOR CLUES)	Partially Proficient	Novice
Proficient met And Analysis of case supported with details.	Describe, with detail, the Mahele of 1848, why it came about, and the social, political, economic effect it had on native Hawaiians and others	Describe, with minimal detail, the Mahele of 1848, why it came about, and/or the social, political, economic effect it had on native Hawaiians and others	Ineffectively describe the Mahele of 1848, why it came about, and/or the social, political, economic effect it had on native Hawaiians and others