Reasons Why Foreigners Came To Hawaii – Teacher Notes

Reasons Why Sandalwood Traders Came	Quick Sketch

★They came for the Sandalwood
     -Only grown in Hawaii (endemic)
     -Chinese wanted the Sandalwood
(sweet smelling)
         ●incense sticks
         ●perfumes
         ●temple carvings
         ●medicines	

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away from storms
     -Hawaii had harbors
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Reasons Why Whalers Came

★They came to hunt Whales
     -Whales used for many purposes
         ●Whale Bones: umbrellas,
corsets, fishing rods
         ●Whale Blubber: Oil, light
lamps, perfumes, machinery lubrication, make
candles
     -Liholiho or Kamehameha II witnessed
     a whale hunt in Hawaii (Pods of whales
     seen and hunted)	

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     -Salt need to prevent meat from rotting
     -Meat from Parker Ranch on the Big	

Island (1830s) -Firewood to help boil whale blubber	

★They came for services
     -Ships were docked in Hawaii to get serviced or repaired
     -Blacksmiths took care of the irons on the ships
     -Carpenters took care of the ships
     -Bought from farmers fruits and vegetables
     -Entertainment places focused on the sailors such as drinking places that served alcohol	

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     -Japan closed its port to foreigners and Hawaii closest	

Reasons Why Missionaries Came

★They came convert all Hawaiians to Christianity
     -Viewed the Hawaiians as savages
     -Thought that the Hawaiians would go to "hell" or underworld if not saved
     -Wanted to teach, preach and use print to educate the Hawaiians	