



IOLANI PALACE

Royal Orders Activity

Recommended Grade Levels: 2nd-5th grade

Activity Description:

This activity allows students to learn about royal orders, specifically the Hawaiian Kingdom royal orders.

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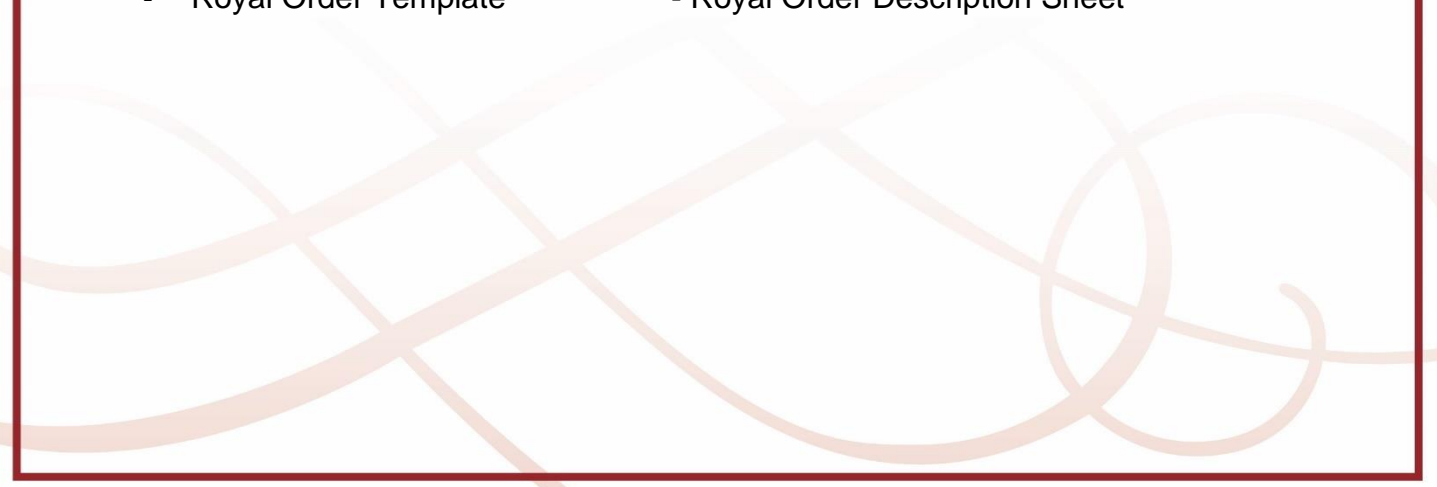
- What is a royal order?
- What purpose do they serve?
- What are the Hawaiian Kingdom royal orders?
- Who were some of the notable people who received the different Hawaiian Kingdom royal orders?

The Royal Orders activity includes the following hands-on activity:

- Create a royal order of their own

Supplies Needed for the Hands-On Activity:

- Scissors
- Crayons or Colored Pencils
- Royal Order Template
- Royal Order Description Sheet



What is a Royal Order?

Royal Orders are medals of merit given by a ruler or lawmaking body to acknowledge outstanding achievements of individuals and diplomatic ties between nations. There are different levels of royal orders, including but not limited to the Knights Grand Cross, Knights Commander levels. The practice of exchanging royal orders continues to this day between countries around the world.

All royal orders have the following things in common:

- They have a name
- They recognize an achievement or good deed
- The images on the royal order mean something special

What are the Hawaiian Kingdom Royal Orders?

The Hawaiian Kingdom royal orders are some of the rarest in the world. In total, there were five Hawaiian Kingdom royal orders that existed. In the Iolani Palace collection, there are examples of each type of Hawaiian Kingdom royal order as well as royal orders from other countries. Below are photographs and descriptions of the Hawaiian Kingdom royal orders.



The Royal Order of Kamehameha I

The Royal Order of Kamehameha I was established in 1865 by King Kamehameha V to honor his grandfather King Kamehameha I who united the Hawaiian Kingdom in 1810. It features an ornate K surmounted with a crown. Notable recipients include Charles Kanaina, Emperor Mutsuhito of Japan, King Rama V of Siam and others. The photo to the left is of the Knights Grand Cross level.



The Royal Order of Kalakaua

The Royal Order of Kalakaua was established in 1875 by King Kalakaua to commemorate his election to the throne of the Hawaiian Kingdom. It features a puloulou (kapu stick) and a wreath of gold leaves. Notable recipients include Prince Leleiohoku and Rev. Father Damien De Veuster. The photo to the left is of the Knights Grand Cross level.



The Royal Order of Kapiolani

The Royal Order of Kapiolani was established in 1880 by King Kalakaua to commemorate the achievements of Kapiolani the Great who was the grand aunt of his wife. It features a portrait of King Kalakaua's wife, Queen Kapiolani II, and her motto Kulia I Kanuu (Strive for the Summit). Notable recipients include Queen Kapiolani II and Queen Maria Cristina of Spain. The photo to the left is of the Knights Grand Cross level.



The Royal Order of The Crown of Hawaii

The Royal Order of The Crown of Hawaii was established in 1882 by King Kalakaua to commemorate the day of his coronation. It features a crown and the words Hawaii Ke Kalaunu (Crown of Hawaii). Notable recipients include Princess Liliuokalani, Prince Charles III of Monaco and Henry Carter, Hawaiian Minister to the United States. The photo to the left is of the Knights Grand Cross level.



The Royal Order of the Star of Oceania

The Royal Order of the Star of Oceania was established in 1886 by King Kalakaua to honor those who promoted Hawaii throughout the Pacific Islands, Indian Ocean and contiguous continents. It features the words Hoku O Osiania (Star of Oceania). A notable recipient of this order includes Mrs. J. D. Strong who designed the order. The photo to the left is of the Knights Grand Cross level.

Create Your Own Royal Order Activity

Now that you know what a royal order is and that it recognizes an achievement or good deed it is time to create one of your own! Cut out and color one of the templates below.

While you do this activity, think about the following and share your answers with your teacher, family and/or friends!

- What is the name of your royal order?
- What achievement or good deed does it honor?
- What special symbols or drawings will you put on it?
- Who would you want to receive your royal order?

