



IOLANI PALACE

Queen Liliuokalani's Quilt Activity

Recommended Grade Levels: Pre-K to 5th grade

Activity Description:

This activity allows youth to learn about a special object in the Iolani Palace collection, Queen Liliuokalani's quilt.

Queen Liliuokalani's Quilt Activity allows students to learn:

- Where the quilt was created.
- Why the quilt was created.
- The memories Queen Liliuokalani wanted to share on the quilt.

Queen Liliuokalani's Quilt Activity includes the following hands-on activity:

- Create a quilt patch of a favorite memory

Supplies Needed for the Hands-On Activity:

- Scissors
- Crayons or Colored Pencils
- Quilt Template
- Quilt Description Sheet

What is Queen Liliuokalani's Quilt?

In 1895 Queen Liliuokalani was imprisoned, or made to stay, in a second floor room of Iolani Palace. She was made to stay in this room because a small group of people wanted to control Hawaii and illegally took away her power. Despite this, the Queen lived up to her motto. Her motto was Onipaa which means steadfast or determined. She was determined to protect her people and share her story. One of the ways she did this was to make the quilt that you can see at Iolani Palace.

The Queen and two of her friends started to make a quilt while she was imprisoned. It was started at Iolani Palace, but finished after the Queen returned to her home at Washington Place.

What important memories did Queen Liliuokalani put on her quilt?

It was important to the Queen to sew her memories into her quilt. She sewed memories of happy times as well as the sad times. In the center of the quilt are four important squares. They share the important events of Queen Liliuokalani's life. These squares are pictured below.



Below is a written version of what is sewn on the center of the quilt, as pictured on the previous page.

<p>Lydia Kamakaeha Liliuokalani</p> <p>Born, Sept. 2nd. 1838.</p> <p>Proclaimed Heir Apparent, Apr. 10th. 1877.</p> <p>Ascended the throne,</p> <p>January 29th 1891.</p>	<p>Dethroned</p> <p>January 17th 1893.</p> <p>Uprising</p> <p>January 6th 1895</p>
<p>Her Majesty Queen</p> <p>Liliuokalani</p> <p>Imprisoned at Iolani Palace</p> <p>January 17th.....1895</p> <p>Companion</p> <p>Mrs. Eveline Melita Kilioulani Kaopaokalani Wilson</p> <p>Released</p> <p>Sept. 6th 1895</p> <p>We began this quilt there</p>	<p>H. M. Queen</p> <p>Liliuokalani</p> <p>abdicated on the</p> <p>24th of Jan. 1895</p> <p>Witnessed by</p> <p>H. A. Widemann, S. Parker, W. G. Irwin, Paul Neumann, A. S. Hartwell, C. B. Wilson, J. K. Kahookano, W. S. Stanley.</p> <p>Companion,</p> <p>Mrs. E. I. K. K. Wilson,</p> <p>Iolani Palace</p> <p>May 24th</p> <p>1895.</p>

Create Your Own Quilt Square

Now that you know the importance of Queen Liliuokalani's quilt it is time to create a quilt square of your own! You can also have your family members create a quilt square and put them together.

Cut out and color the template below. While you do this activity, think about the following and share your answers with your teacher, family and/or friends!

- What is your favorite family memory?
- What special symbols or drawings will you put on your quilt square?

