

What do you know about HAWAII?

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AMERICA RECENTLY added a 49th star to Old Glory, and now a 50th one is on its way. The 49th star, of course, was for Alaska, so it was fitting that Alaska's member in the House of Representatives, Rep. Ralph J. Rivers, should introduce the bill in Congress to grant statehood to Hawaii.

To most of us, this island territory 2,000 miles from the Pacific coast signifies the hula and the pineapple. But we're going to be hearing a lot more about these tropical isles in the days to come. Answer true or false to these statements to see how hep you are about our 50th state.



1. Hawaii has the smallest population of any state.
2. Hawaii was a republic before it was annexed by the United States.
3. Pineapples are the islands' biggest industry.
4. Hawaii resembles Ireland in that it has no poisonous snakes.
5. The "national anthem" of Hawaii is *Aloha Oe*.
6. All of Hawaii's ancient volcanoes now are dormant.
7. Originally, the islands were named after a British nobleman.
8. The Hawaiian alphabet has only 12 letters.
9. Hawaii is the smallest of the United States.
10. There are cowboys in the island territory.

Answers

1. **False.** With a population exceeding 500,000, the islands would outrank Alaska, Delaware, Nevada, Vermont, and Wyoming.
2. **True.** In 1894 the monarchy was ended and Sanford Dole was proclaimed president of the Republic of Hawaii. The islands were annexed to the U. S. in 1898, and in 1900 Dole became first governor of the Territory of Hawaii.
3. **False.** The most important product is sugar, with an annual output of about one million tons. Ten percent of all workers are employed in the sugar industry.
4. **True.** Natives are proud that the only dangerous pests to be found on the islands are scorpions and centipedes. Even the sharks that abound offshore are not the man-eating variety.
5. **False.** Composed by Queen Liliuokalani, *Aloha Oe* may be Hawaii's best-known melody, but the official song is *Hawaii Pono*, which was composed by a brother of Liliuokalani, King Kalakaua.
6. **False.** Mauna Loa and Kilauea are among the world's most active volcanoes, Mauna Loa averaging an eruption every 3½ years.
7. **True.** Captain James Cook, who reached the islands in 1778, named them the Sandwich Islands, after the Earl of Sandwich.
8. **True.** The Hawaiian alphabet has five vowels—a, e, i, o, u—and seven consonants h, k, l, m, n, p, and w.
9. **False.** The area of Hawaii's populated islands exceeds 6,000 square miles. Connecticut, Delaware, and Rhode Island are smaller in size.
10. **True.** But in Hawaii, they are called paniolas. There were cattle ranches in Hawaii long before the business flourished in America's West, and thousands of head are marketed each year.