



## The Island State

Located in the middle of the Pacific Ocean, Hawaii is the only state made up entirely of islands. It is the southernmost state in the United States.

### Isolated Islands and Islets

In 1778 Captain James Cook was the first European to see the Hawaiian Islands.

1. An **island** is land surrounded by water. An **archipelago** is a group or chain of islands. The Hawaiian archipelago has 132 islands.
  - a. On the smaller map, the **inset map**, draw a line from **Kure Island** to **Hawaii**.
  - b. Use the scale to measure that line. The Hawaiian Islands extend about \_\_\_\_\_ miles.
2. The eight main islands are at the southeastern end of the chain. The western 124 islands are **islets**, or small islands. These uninhabited islets consist of coral, sand, or rock.
  - a. On both maps, draw a box around the eight main islands.
  - b. The islets have a combined land area of only three square miles, which is about 1/15<sup>th</sup> the size of the smallest main island. On the inset map, draw a circle around the islets west of Nihau. Above your circle, write **TOTAL LAND AREA = 3 MI<sup>2</sup>**.
3. Hawaii is the most isolated archipelago in the world. It is located in the Pacific Ocean, 2,400 miles southwest of the U.S. mainland. It is farther from a continent than any other islands in the world, almost as far as the distance across the continental United States.
  - a. On the locator map, draw a line connecting Hawaii to the southwestern tip of the U.S.
  - b. Label the line **2,400 MI**.

### The Main Islands

The Hawaiian Islands are built of lava and ash from volcanic eruptions.

4. Although all of the Hawaiian Islands are volcanic, most are **dormant**, or inactive.
  - a. Only **Hawaii**, the “Big Island,” has active volcanoes. Hawaii has five volcanoes, but only **Mauna Loa** and **Kilauea** remain active. Draw **Y** symbols erupting from both of them.
  - b. **Mauna Kea** is the highest point in Hawaii. It is a dormant volcano. Trace its symbol.
5. Almost everyone living in the Hawaiian Islands lives on seven of the eight main islands.
  - a. **Oahu** is the home of 80 percent of Hawaii’s population. Label it **80% POP**.
  - b. Hawaii’s capital is also on Oahu. What is the name of the capital city?  
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  - c. The population depends on imported goods delivered by sea. Oahu has the islands’ only protected harbor at **Pearl Harbor**. Draw a ship entering the harbor.