

Standard 3: History: History of the Hawaiian Kingdom

Understand important historical events in the history of the Hawaiian Kingdom.

Benchmark SS.7HHK.3.6

Describe the Mahele of 1848, why it came about, and the social, political, economic effect it had on native Hawaiians and others.

3 Effects of the Mahele Review**TOPIC: Three Effects (Social, Political and Economic) that the Mahele had on the Hawaiian Community****★(Social Effect) Hawaiians stopped sharing**

- After the Mahele, the Hawaiians didn't have access to other lands because people now owned land
- They could only use the resources that was on their land
- People like the konohiki stopped sharing with the maka'ainana
 - They didn't provide firewood, which made the children eat potatoes and taro raw
 - They also didn't provide timber for shelter

★(Political Effect) Laws allowed people to own land

- Before the land wasn't owned by people, it was owned by the gods
- After the Mahele, working class people like the maka'ainana could own land
 - The Kuleana Act of 1850 made it possible for them to own land but there were certain requirements
 - the requirement were surveying the land, presenting the claim with the Land Commission and file claim by 1854
- Even the foreigners were able to own land because of the Resident Alien Act on July 10, 1850
 - By owning land, they could sell or pass the land to their heirs
- another law was adverse possession
 - people could claim someone land if they didn't live on it for 10 years

★(Economic Effect) The Hawaiian subsistence economy vanished

- After the Mahele, Hawaiians felt hemmed in-between other property owners
- They couldn't go to the uplands or kula lands
 - o Hawaiians needed kukui nuts, timber and lands to pasture animals which was needed for survival

Topic: Why the Mahele Occurred Review

*The Mahele occurred because foreigners wanted lands for businesses.

- They would be growing sugarcane
- They were worried that their investments would be taken away if they didn't own the land.
- They felt that people should have a rights to own land

*Another reason why the Mahele occurred was because foreigners pressured Kamehameha III

- The foreigners didn't want to lease the lands, but to own it.
- The king was forced to create the Land Commission which looked at foreign and Hawaiian land claims