Pacific Islands—Micronesia

Digital Resources and Children’s Books

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Kid-Friendly YouTube Clips:

Genetic History of the Pacific Islands, Melanesia, Micronesia and Polynesia:  
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l8calZOhVv8

Intro to Micronesia:  https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BlivCsPWBnQ

Micronesia Islands and Culture, Documentary 70 minutes:  
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Le4PGw7U3QI

Geography Now, Federated States of Micronesia:  
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_gSBvcYOuu4

What is Micronesia? Pulan Speaks  https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m7iiHLdgmac

Micronesia Island Fair, Celebrating Peace & Friendship in the Pacific:  
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uXfoQ0Ktd-U

Introduction to the Mariana Islands: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ddPtpxe9dZk:

Welcome to Guam:  https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KP4I0CsieD8

Decolonizing Guam’s Diet, Why is Spam so Popular?  
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zHO5UNRAIV8

Marshall Islands, on the Brink of Extinction:  
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qZUDdAs2ME0

Radioactivity on the Marshall Islands:  https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PyhZcWy1Ero

Kiribati, Words from the Last Generation:  
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tvuaOY9MrzA

Palau, an Island Paradise standing up to the World:  
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qrA56-VypuM
Websites:

Overview of Micronesia: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Micronesia

Federated States of Micronesia:

Micronesia, Traditional Culture: http://www.visit-micronesia.fm/culture/index.html


Unique Crafts of Chuuk: https://www.visit-chuuk.com/index.php/chuuk-handicrafts

Fisheries Management in Micronesia:

Micronesian Cuisine: https://www.travelingeast.com/oceania/micronesia/micronesian-cuisine/

The Folktales of Micronesia (PDF): https://asianethnology.org/articles/1740

Yapese Myths, Legends and Oral History: https://www.visityap.com/culture/history-of-yap/myths-legends/

Religion in the Federated States of Micronesia:

Micronesian Games: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Micronesian_Games

Animals and Plants Unique to Micronesia: http://lntreasures.com/micronesia.html

Lesson Plans:

Federated States of Micronesia Teacher Resources:
https://www.lessonplanet.com/lesson-plans/federated-states-of-micronesia/all

Geography of Micronesia: https://www.guampedia.com/lesson-plan-geography-of-micronesia/

Marshal Islands Stick chart Lesson: https://artclasscurator.com/marshall-islands-stick-chart-lesson-plan-project/

Classroom- Breadfruit Education Productions:
https://breadfruiteducational.com/classroom/

Lesson Plan, WWII History:
Children’s Books

**Title:** Little Chamorrita, Did I Tell You?  
**Author:** Gerard Aflague  
**Publisher:** CreateSpace Publishing  
**ISBN-13:** 978-1500628901  
**Summary:** This is a colorful story of a parent’s love for their little girl or little Chamorrita as they are known in the Pacific Islands of the Marianas. It is a book that teaches the child the meaning of the three words “Hu Guaiya Hao” which means I love you. To do this in a meaningful way, we use colorful tropical illustrations to communicate the deep love one has for their little Chamorrita. Using a repeating pattern that reads “Little Chamorrita, did I tell you?” Little Chamorritas everywhere will be inspired and understand true island-inspired love and the cultural meaning of “Hu Guaiya Hao”.

**Title:** Chamorro ABC’s, Animals, Plants and Things of the Mariana Islands  
**Author:** Gerard Aflague  
**Publisher:** University of Guam Press  
**ISBN-13:** 978-1497461833  
**Summary:** This Guam and CNMI-centric alphabet book illustrates the Chamorro ABCs in colorful pictures, with narratives to engage small children. The Chamorro language originates from the native people of the Mariana Islands of Guam, Saipan, Rota, and Tinian. This children’s book invites parents to interact with their kids using this picture book by helping them to learn the Chamorro ABCs. Learning the Chamorro ABCs as a foundation to learning the Chamorro language hasn’t been more fun!
**Sirena, A Mermaid Legend from Guam**

**Author:** Tanya Chauguala Taimanglo  
**Publisher:** AuthorHouse 2010  
**ISBN:** 9781491867938  
**Summary:** Sirena is a young Chamorro girl who loves nature. She ignores her chores as usual to go swimming in the sparkling river, at a time in Guam’s history when all is pristine. Her mother utters a curse that will forever change Sirena’s life, unless her godmother can help. Based on a universal “tail” of the mystery and origin of mermaids, Sirena: A Mermaid Legend from Guam, is a retelling of a classic for the next generation of Chamorro children and all to dive into.

**From the Mouth of the Monster Eel**

**Author:** Bo Flood  
**Publisher:** Fulcrum Publishing  
**ISBN-10:** 1555912451  
**Summary:** Bo Flood’s magical retelling of adventure, creation, and courage are beautifully complemented by Margo Vitarelli’s rhythmic woodcuts in this fascinating glimpse of island life from the Pacific Rim.
Title: The Biggest Soap
Author: Carol Lexa Shaefer
Publisher: Farrar, Straus and Giroux
Summary: It’s laundry day on a South Pacific island, and Kessy is proud that Mama has chosen him to go to Minda’s Store to buy the biggest soap. But he’ll have to hurry if he wants to get back in time for the storytelling that accompanies the washing, so off he goes — as fast as a typhoon wind! Along the way there are plenty of surprises, but Kessy returns with just enough soap to finish the wash and in time to tell stories galore from his big adventure. Exploding with bright colors and patterns, this playful picture book celebrates the warmth of a close-knit island community and the independent spirit of its youngest member.