Pacific Islands— Polynesia

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

History of Polynesia: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ADQWF0BnKA8

Did the Polynesians Discover America? https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R913npL7Cg8

How did Polynesian Wayfarers Navigate the Pacific Islands: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m8bDCaPhOek

The Best Intro to the Cook Islands: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e0l_1kbEl0o

Katu Kanga, 10 things to do in the Cook Islands: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eChtwcOH7_0

The Truth about Easter Island: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c4U5Y7MSAJc

Marquesas Islands and the Tuamotu Archipelago, a Documentary: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RDWVYws8SRs

Marquesas Islands, Ocean Conservation: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y-mmkoAll0_g

Samoan Documentary: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yCpUhY-eH4U

Fasi Samoa, The Samoan Way: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ka230pn5IX0

The History of Tahiti: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6yVvGvTo1wQ

The Culture of Tahiti: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UaJpHr1l4_g

Tonga Introduction and Overview: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m9jJlD4F57s

Living like a Tongan, Vava‘u: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DqlBtFW2emo
Websites:

Hawaii Supplementary Online Culture Box Resources:  
www.worldoregon.org/supplementary_online_culture_box_resources

New Zealand (Aotearoa) Supplementary Online Culture Box Resources:  
www.worldoregon.org/supplementary_online_culture_box_resources

Polynesia Overview: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Polynesia

French Polynesia Overview: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/French_xcPolynesia

Polynesian Cultural Center Island Information:

Topics included: Overview, Location, Geography, Population, History and Discovery, Languages, Village Life, Interesting Facts

Aotearoa (New Zealand) https://www.polynesia.com/polynesian-cultures/aotearoa

Fiji: https://www.polynesia.com/polynesian-cultures/fiji

Hawaii: https://www.polynesia.com/polynesian-cultures/hawaii

Rapanui (Easter Island) https://www.polynesia.com/polynesian-cultures/rapa_nui

Samoa: https://www.polynesia.com/polynesian-cultures/samoa

Tahiti: https://www.polynesia.com/polynesian-cultures/tahiti

Tonga: https://www.polynesia.com/polynesian-cultures/tonga

Other Islands: https://www.polynesia.com/polynesian-cultures/other_islands

Tapa Cloth Overview: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tapa_cloth

Tapa Cloth Images: https://mnch.uoregon.edu/collections-galleries/tapa-cloth


Polynesian Festivals: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Category:Polynesian_festivals

Polynesian Mythology: http://www.mythencyclopedia.com/Pa-Pr/Polynesian-Mythology.html

Lesson Plans:

Polynesian Studies: https://www.teacherspayteachers.com/Browse/Search:polynesian%20studies

Polynesia, Lesson Planet: https://www.lessonplanet.com/search?keywords=polynesia

Polynesian Lesson Plan Collection: https://www.pinterest.com/pin/431430839298536920/


Fiji, Lesson Planet: https://www.lessonplanet.com/lesson-plans/fiji/all

Easter Island, A Lesson for Us All: http://sustainablefootprint.org/teachers/theme-lessons/easter-island-a-lesson-for-us-all/


Lesson Plans from the National Park Service of American Samoa: https://www.nps.gov/npsa/learn/education/classrooms/curriculummaterials.htm

Samoan Culture, Lesson for Kids: https://study.com/academy/lesson/samoan-culture-lesson-for-kids.html

Tahitian Culture and People: https://study.com/academy/lesson/tahitian-culture-people.html

Lesson 8, Tahiti: https://www.allaroundthisworld.com/learn/oceania-and-the-pacific-islands/tahiti/#.X9fxY9hKjIU

Lesson 9, Tonga: https://www.allaroundthisworld.com/learn/oceania-and-the-pacific-islands/tonga/#.X9fyxNhKjIU


# Children’s Books

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<tr>
<th>Title: Adventures of Riley, Dolphins in Danger</th>
<th>Author: Amanda Lumry and Laura Hurwitz</th>
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<td>Publisher: Scholastic Press</td>
<td>ISBN: 9780545068390</td>
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<td>Summary: Riley travels to the South Pacific island of Moorea with his Uncle Max, Aunt Martha, and Cousin Alice. Their mission is to study spinner dolphins while basking in the warmth and charm of Polynesian culture. However, things take a turn for the worse when several dolphins become trapped in a local lagoon! Riley holds the key to their survival, but between surfing lessons and close encounters with humpback whales, will he realize it in time?</td>
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<th>Author: Penelope Casey</th>
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<td>Publisher: Penelope Casey</td>
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<td>Summary: ‘Dua Means One’ is the first book in the popular series ‘Tui’s Gang’, a multicultural children’s picture book series. Tui, a young boy in Fiji wakes up in his beautiful island home and plays his favorite game of counting. Soon Tui’s friends take young readers on a tropical Fijian adventure; ONE swaying coconut tree by the sea, TWO dancing meke, THREE squawking parrots and FOUR clapping hands!</td>
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<th>Title: Tasi’s Gift, A Tale of Samoa</th>
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<td>Summary: Tasi’s Gift is a touching story about Tuala, a young girl who learns the value of selfless giving from her grandfather Tasi. The story is set on Upolu Island in Samoa at a time long before the present. Tasi, the most famous bowl carver in Samoa, must prepare a kava bowl beautiful enough for the new Matai, to be presented at a fiafia. With his granddaughter’s help, he carves a traditional bowl, but is not satisfied with it. After leaving it overnight, he and Tuala discover the bowl transformed with intricate carvings suitable for the new chief.</td>
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<td>Title: At School in Tongan and English</td>
<td>Title: Where is Easter Island?</td>
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<td>Author: Ahurewa Kahukura</td>
<td>Author: Megan Stine</td>
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<td>Publisher: Tui</td>
<td>Publisher: Penguin Workshop</td>
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<td>Summary: The importance of maintaining a child’s native language is now well recognized by parents and educators. It is also important for children from all backgrounds to experience other languages and culture. Our Tui range of bilingual educational books are designed specifically to achieve this. The range is beautifully illustrated with bright colors to appeal to young children and feature simple vocabulary in Samoan, Tongan, Maori as well as English. Our books cover a wide range of topics and will make learning languages fun for children. Children will love learning their very first words in Samoan, Tongan and Maori.</td>
<td>Summary: Unearth the secrets of the mysterious giant stone statues on this tiny remote Pacific island. Easter Island, in the middle of the Pacific Ocean thousands of miles from anywhere, has intrigued visitors since Europeans first arrived in the 1700s. How did people first come to live there? How did they build the enormous statues and why? How were they placed around the island without carts or even wheels? Scientists have learned many of the answers, although some things still remain a mystery. Megan Stine reveals it all in a gripping narrative.</td>
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