

Hello, Hawai'i! Glossary Sheet



capital city – the city in which a state's government is located

landscape – the features or appearance of an area of land

steeped – immersed in; filled with

catamaran – a type of sailing vessel with two parallel hulls

lava tube – the underground tunnels through which volcanic lava flows

sulfur – a solid chemical element that is soft and yellow in color

caterwaul – a loud, unpleasant howl or cry

magma – hot liquid beneath Earth's surface; igneous rock is formed from it

summit – the highest point or peak

desert – a dry area of land, often sandy and with little vegetation

embayment – an indentation along a shoreline that forms a bay

teem – overflow; be filled with; swarm

dormant – temporarily inactive; in a sleep-like state; at rest

meander – to wander aimlessly

terrain – a piece of land and its physical features

extravaganza – an exciting, spectacular event

microclimate – the climate in a very small area that is influenced by specific circumstances and differs from the surrounding climate

tide pool – a small pool of seawater that remains on shore after the tide goes out, often containing small sea creatures

geological – relating to the study of Earth's physical structure

molten lava – liquified rock that has erupted through Earth's surface, as in a volcano

tropical – relating to a region or climate that features hot temperatures all year, and often has a wet and a dry season

geological formation – a body of rock with distinct characteristics

populous – having a large population

valley – a low area of land between higher points

immense – very large in size; vast

rainforest – a tropical forest that receives an abundance of rain

immersion – the act of completely submerging something in liquid

reef – a ridge on the ocean floor, often made of rock or coral

indigenous – originating in or native to a particular place

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