

US ANNEXATION OF HAWAII

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DIRECTIONS: Analyze the two primary sources and answer the guiding questions

PETITION AGAINST ANNEXATION, 1897

Background: Between September 11 and October 2, 1897, two groups collected petition signatures from each of the five principal islands of Hawaii. The petition, was written in both the Hawaiian and English languages, was signed by 21,269 native Hawaiian people.

“To his Excellency WILLIAM McKINLEY, President, and the Senate, of the United States of America. Greeting - Whereas there has been submitted to the Senate of the United States of America a treaty for the Annexation of the Hawaiian Islands to the said United States of America, for consideration at its regular session in December A.D. 1897; therefore,

We the undersigned, native Hawaiian citizens and residents of the district of.....Island of.....who are members of the Hawaiian Patriotic League of the Hawaiian Islands, and others who are in sympathy with the said league, earnestly protest against the annexation of the said Hawaiian Islands to the United States of America in any form or shape.” SOURCE: National Archives

1. What was the intent and purpose of the petition? UNDERLINE or HIGHLIGHT where in the passage led you to your conclusion.

PRESIDENT W. McKINLEY

DIRECTIONS: Research each of the characters listed and note who they were in relation to Hawaii and what their views would have been toward its annexation.

AMERICAN BUSINESS OWNERS IN HAWAII

TREATY OF HAWAIIAN ANNEXATION, 1898

“The Republic of Hawaii hereby cedes absolutely and without reserve to the United States of America all rights of sovereignty of whatsoever kind in and over the Hawaiian Islands and their dependencies; and it is agreed that all territory of and appertaining to the Republic of Hawaii is hereby annexed to the United States of America under the name of the Territory of Hawaii. . . . The existing laws of the United States relative to public lands shall not apply to such lands in the Hawaiian Islands, but the Congress of the United States shall enact special laws for their management and disposition. . . . There shall be no further immigration of Chinese into the Hawaiian Islands, except upon such conditions as are now or may hereafter be allowed by the laws of the United States, and no Chinese by reason of anything herein contained shall be allowed to enter the United States from the Hawaiian Islands.”

2. According to the wording of the treaty did Hawaii willingly or unwillingly become annexed by the United States? Explain. UNDERLINE or HIGHLIGHT where in the passage led you to your conclusion.

JOHN TYLER MORGAN

3. How do the two sources contradict each other?

QUEEN LILI'UKOLANI



SOURCE: Library of Congress

Description: PUCK CARTOON 1897- A woman (Hawai'i) and Uncle Sam are getting married, kneeling before the minister (McKinley) who is reading from a book entitled "Annexation Policy". The bride seems ready to bolt. Behind the couple stands Morgan with a shotgun.