A NEW SOCIETY

As your crew prepares to depart for your new homeland, you create a plan for what your new society will be like. How will your crew/family survive in their new setting? Will your crew organization work on land as well or will it have to change? Remember that you the first settlers on a new island.

Read the assigned articles for each day PRIOR to your discussions. Each article is an example of the choices the Hawaiians made for each topic.

Spend one day discussing each topic. You will have a couple of extra days to finish up.

Prepare a presentation introducing us to your society and explaining each of the six topics. Presentations should be about 20 minutes in length and will be on May 12 and 13. The presentation is worth 50 points.

Day 1:       Read “Pre-Contact Society”
             What are 5 important rules that your society emphasizes? What are the punishments for breaking these rules?

Day 2:       Read “Hawaiian Royalty”
             Society and Classes: Is there a class system? Is it based on economic status? Heredity? Other factors? Or is everyone equal? If so, how is this possible? What are the role differences (if any) for men and women in society? Why?

Day 3:       Read “The Story of Haloa” and “Wai Ola: The Water of Life”
             Economy and Sustainability: What type of economy is best suited for your society? What are you going to produce based on your resources? How will you get what you need to survive? Will everyone produce what they need or will people have specific jobs? Will resources be divided equally?
Day 4: Read “In the Beginning: Hawaiian Gods”
Religion: What religious beliefs will guide your society? Who is the head of the religion? Is religion separate from government or connected? Does religion affect any other themes? What rituals does your culture practice? Where?

Day 5: Read “Lono, the Makahiki and Cook’s Deification”
Culture and Innovation: What are your cultural practices? Do you have holidays? What is your music, food, dance or art like? What behaviors do people value?

Day 6: Read “Tangi‘ia and Karika” and “The Fate of Easter Island”
Issues: What issues do you think your society will face as it grows? Are these problems avoidable? What problems do you want to avoid in your society? How will you deal with biological or environmental disasters?