When Did Hawaii Become a State? - Quiz

Q1. When did Hawaii become the 50th state of the United States?

A. 1945

B. 1959

C. 1965

D. 1971

Q2. Who was the British explorer that first landed in Hawaii in 1778?

A. George Vancouver

B. James Cook

C. Christopher Columbus

D. Ferdinand Magellan

Q3. What was the name of the Hawaiian king who unified the islands?

A. Kamehameha the Great

B. King Kalanikupule

C. King Kiwala'o

D. King Liholiho

Q4. What event in 1941 significantly impacted Hawaii's path to statehood?

A. The Great Depression

B. The attack on Pearl Harbor

C. The signing of the Hawaiian Admission Act

D. The overthrow of Queen Lili'uokalani

Q5. Who was the last ruler of the Hawaiian Kingdom?

A. King Kamehameha II

B. Queen Lili'uokalani

C. King Kamehameha III

D. King Kalakaua

Q6. What was the primary reason for the annexation of Hawaii by the United States?

A. To spread democracy

B. To protect native Hawaiians

C. Economic interests of plantation owners

D. To establish a military base

Q7. What percentage of voters approved Hawaii's statehood in the 1959 referendum?

A. 75%

B. 83%

C. 93%

D. 65%

Q8. Which island was the first to be visited by James Cook?

A. Oahu

B. Maui

C. Kauai

D. Hawaii (Big Island)

Q9. What was a major obstacle to Hawaii's statehood?

A. Lack of natural resources

B. Cultural differences and distance from the mainland

C. Opposition from European powers

D. Hawaii's refusal to join the United States

Q10. What significant role did Captain George Vancouver play in Hawaiian history?

A. He overthrew the Hawaiian Kingdom

B. He helped Kamehameha rebuild the economy and learn warfare

C. He discovered Hawaii

D. He was the first missionary to arrive in Hawaii

Answer Key

1. Q1: B
2. Q2: B
3. Q3: A
4. Q4: B
5. Q5: B
6. Q6: C
7. Q7: C
8. Q8: C
9. Q9: B
10. Q10: B