

# Compare and Contrast



## Lesson at a Glance

Students will observe video segments on the Main Hawaiian Islands and the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands and will list comparisons (similarities) and contrasts (differences). This activity should continue throughout the unit.

## Objectives

Students will be able to:

- List comparisons and contrasts between the Main Hawaiian Islands and the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands.
- Create a poster or display that shares the comparisons (similarities) and contrasts (differences).

## Background Information

Navigating Change is intended to motivate, encourage and challenge people to take action to improve the environmental conditions in their own backyards, especially as it pertains to our coral reefs. The voyaging canoe Hokule'a will sail to the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands and serve as the messenger of what the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands (NWHI) can tell us. Stories, comparisons, and lessons from the NWHI and the Hokule'a will tell us how to better *malama* (take care) of our island home.

The *KidScience* series and the Navigating Change Education Kit shares with students the state of the Main Hawaiian Islands and the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands. Both include awesome video footage of both environments. Students are going to be asked to do some brainstorming about how and why they are different and/or similar.

## Materials Needed

- Compare and Contrast diagram
- Poster size paper and colored pens



### **Student Activities**

Provide opportunities for students to watch the KidScience series and/or the videos found in the Navigating Change Educator's Kit. Discuss as a class a few things that you could find in both the Main Hawaiian Islands and the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands and things that are different about them. Have the students list all the similarities and differences on a venn diagram. Encourage them to add to this diagram throughout the unit. Encourage them to do some research on the internet.

1. Students are to make a poster or display that shares the similarities and differences between the Main Hawaiian Islands and the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands. Encourage them to be creative.



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**Main Hawaiian Islands**

**Both**

**Northwestern Hawaiian Islands**

