

## NEWS BREAK

Article: **Renowned Hawaii surf contest 'The Eddie' plans return after 7 years**

Section: **MAIN, A3**

Sunday's News Break selects an article from **Sunday, January 22, 2023** of The Seattle Times print replica for an in-depth reading of the news. Read the selected article and answer the attached study questions.

You are encouraged to modify this lesson to fit the needs of your students. For example, some teachers might use this as a take-home assignment and others might read and answer the questions in a small group or larger, class discussion.

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### Standards:

#### **CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RI.4.1**

- Refer to details and examples in a text when explaining what the text says explicitly and when drawing inferences from the text.

#### **CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RI.4.2**

- Determine the main idea of a text and explain how it is supported by key details; summarize the text.

### Objectives:

Students will discuss *surfing and talk about whether they've tried it. They will discuss why it's important to honor the Hawaiian culture and Eddie Aikau, the famous Hawaiian waterman. They will talk about the importance of men and women to be viewed and treated as equals in all areas.*

### Pre-Reading Discussion:



- What do you think the article will be about, using only these pictures?
- Are there any clues?
- What can you infer?

### Vocabulary Building:

Read this sentence, what do you think the highlighted words mean using *context clues*? A **context clue** is a word or words that are hints and refers to the sources of information outside of words that readers may use to predict the identities and meanings of unknown words.

The contest is expected to attract tens of thousands of spectators to the two-lane highway winding through the North Shore and the small towns that dot the coastal community. Kathleen Pahinui, chair of the North Shore Neighborhood Board, said it will be good for businesses, restaurants and shops. She urged visitors to carpool and take the bus because the roads will be **congested**.

### ***Congested Guess:***

### ***Congested Definition:***

### Comprehension Questions:

1. This year, women surfers will be competing alongside the men for the first time in the \_\_\_\_-year history of The Eddie Aikau Big Wave Invitational.
2. The event — alternatively known simply as \_\_\_\_\_ — is a one-day contest held in Waimea Bay on Oahu's North Shore only when the

- surf is consistently large enough during the winter big wave surfing season from mid-December through mid-March.
3. What weather conditions have to be aligned?
  4. The waves have to be “Large enough.” What does that mean?
  5. Before this year, conditions have only aligned for it to be held \_\_\_\_\_ times since the initial competition in 1984.
  6. Organizer Clyde Aikau said at a news conference Friday that he was expecting waves to reach \_\_\_\_\_ feet by Hawaii measurements or \_\_\_\_\_ feet on the national scale. “Yes, The Eddie will go on Sunday,” he said.
  7. Other places around the world have big wave surfing events: Mavericks in California, Nazare in Portugal and Peahi on Hawaii’s Maui Island. But author Stuart Coleman says The Eddie is distinguished. Why-what makes this surf event different?
  8. Edward Ryon Makuahanai Aikau rose to prominence as the first lifeguard hired by Honolulu to work on Oahu’s North Shore and was revered for saving over \_\_\_\_\_ people during his career.
  9. He’s also famous for surfing towering waves that no one else would dare ride. Aikau died in 1978 at the age of 31 during an expedition to sail a traditional Polynesian voyaging canoe from Honolulu to Tahiti. What happened?
  10. Coleman said The Eddie is about the best of big wave surfing and the best of \_\_\_\_\_. “They always say at the opening ceremony, where they gather to launch the holding period, ‘This is not just a contest. We’re not surfing against each other. We’re surfing in the spirit of Eddie,” Coleman said.
  11. Mindy Pennybacker, a surf columnist for the Honolulu Star-Advertiser and author of the upcoming book “Surfing Sisterhood Hawaii: Wahine Reclaiming the Waves,” said there has long been an assumption that Waimea was too dangerous for \_\_\_\_\_ and they couldn’t surf there.
  12. She said they’ve had to fight to be included and have meanwhile shown they could handle big waves in spots around the world. “To see women — not only women surfing Waimea but women and men sharing the same event together, with mutual \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ I’m just really thrilled at the thought,” Pennybacker said.
  13. I wish all the participants the best of luck,” she said.

**Discussion Questions (small/large groups), Journal Prompts or Essay Questions:**

- *What surprised (or stood out to) you in the article?*
- *At first, I thought \_\_\_\_\_, but now I think \_\_\_\_\_?*
- *What things did you already know from prior experience?*
- *Have you every tried to surf? Was it easy?*

***Why is it important for men and women to be viewed as equals, in sports, in marriage/relationships, in the workplace...everywhere?***

***Why is it important to honor the Hawaiian culture and Eddie Aikau, the famous waterman?***

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