

Q5: In your opinion, what does being Hawaiian mean to you?
Being Hawaiian is a big responsibility and privilege. We are responsible and also have the privilege to perpetuate our culture.
being Hawaiian means not being a US American, having values that reflect my Hawaiian Ancestry values, being free from US American laws, values, lifestyle, etc.
Different from any other
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I'm still figuring it out. I just started my journey of discovery.
Bloodlines, cultural identification and practices.
It means we have a responsibility to protect the land , people and ocean of Hawaii. Ua mau keia o ka aina i ka pono. It means to treat everyone including those who do not have our koko, with kapu aloha. Revere our kupuna who have so much knowledge to light our way.
Our Identity to the World
Our Identity
Hawaiian identifies my nationality. Hawaiian loosely used is my race (kanaka maoli).
Aboriginal Hawaiian of the Hawaiian Kingdom.
Unity, Strength, People for people.
We should all be one voice on the thing's that helps our people strive for a better Hawaii for all Kanaka and others
We hawaiian stay together
I have something you need you have something I need what can WE do to help eachother
Having a symbiotic relationship with the land and people of this land
It means knowing my mother tongue language, never having to struggle living my culture and cultural beliefs, never having to fight for our rights to our homeland.
A human being that lives and takes care of their kuleana with aloha, ie: `ohana, hoaaloha and stewardship of our `aina
To be a subject of the hawaiian kingdom
A sense of belonging
It mean that I belong to the land and people of my kupuna.
Everything
Everything, a Kuleana (responsibility) to educate like minded receptive people of our history, our true factual history which then becomes their responsibility to share, a rippling affect.
Being a person who belongs to the land and responsible for taking care of this islands and environment, including the humans, animals and vegetation that belong here. Not a land owner, instead a land caretaker.
Being Hawaiian Means Having The Koko of The Aboriginal People of This Land Flowing Through My Veins.

Talking Pidgin English, eating 2-finger poi, sharing and caring about our families, friends, and neighbors.
Means that we must care for our land and Kupuna
It is a privilege and a responsibility
Having Hawaiian blood. Embodying Hawaiian values like taking care of the land, humility, and strong loyalty to family and community.
Me! My life, my culture, my family, my People, my Hawai'i, my everything! I am HAWAIIAN ! And I stand Proud!
Living
Being part of a very special peoples
Hawaiian to me is when you enter In to any building people look at you like your a hawaiian. Walk by someone and they're smiling and then they see you automatically stop smiling. Treated like you are beneath everyone.
To me being Hawaiian feels like I belong to Hawaii. My familial ties are in Hawaii. It means a rich tradition in art, food, music. I feel like I am a small part in the lineage before and after me, not small in a negative way. Just that I acknowledge those ancestors and descendants. It also means that we as a whole need to be responsible for and protect our Hawai'i.
It means perpetuating and malama what we have now before we lose it and our keiki dont get to experience what being Hawaiian is.
It means that we need to fight for rights
It means to be spiritually connected to the land, people and culture of Hawaiians and to the Polynesian history and travels.
Being Hawaiian means my ancestors are from this aina (Hawaii). It means I have Hawaiian blood. It's similar to me being part Chinese which means I have ancestors from China and am also of Chinese blood.
Many things. kuleana to aina and Lāhui.
I come from hawaiian ancestry that is my nationality that is where I come from and my heritage
Deeply rooted in cultural practices, protocols in daily living while coexisting in modern society.
Being a person who can trace their ancestry to the original People to live in Hawaii, pre contact.
History, ancestors, way of life, aloha āina, life...everything
My mother was Hawaiian and raised by my tutu and spoke hawaiianand I was raised here on the island of Kauai. Heard many stories about the people here on Kauai.
A direct descendant of someone living in the Hawaiian Islands prior to the arrival of westerners in 1778.
It means that my family came from Hawaii and we live our lives with Aloha.
Being of Hawaiian blood and ancestry.
The ways in which Hawai'i have been expressed to me is as follows: In one instance, it is koko that makes you Hawai'i.. Then there is koko coupled with the implementation of Hawai'i Waiwai and 'Ike Kupuna. Then there is the Hawai'i in which you were born and raised in Hawai'i and received from and given back to this 'Āina that makes you Hawai'i... Lastly there is this idea that even if you aren't from here but expressed a desire to and implement living Hawai'i Waiwai and 'Ike Kupuna for the betterment of the lāhui.. that makes you Hawai'i.

Being good, nice, plenty aloha, Humble! Eat the Hawaiian foods!
Hawaiian means being of Hawaiian ancestry coupled with living the values and practices of the culture.
It is a sense of coming from and being part of the aina, and sharing the interconnections of extended ohana
Place of origin, Kuleana
A very special race .
Being part of this Aina that has been destroyed by greed of white people They cant help us anymore because one day our islands will sink especially the military who got prime lands and ocean front view
Yes I am Hawaiian because I was born here. I truly relate to not just native but original people of this land
Being part of something bigger, something that's dying and needs to be replenished.
Love and Aloha, Blood quantum, speaking the language
Well, according to apology act Native Hawaiian means people who were here prior to European arrival in 1778. Some say Hawaiians are people who have been here prior to the arrival of the south Polynesians like the Samoans, Tahitians, and so forth. Being Kanaka Oihi native to these lands means that I have the kuleana to be of stewardship. 'Aina is Chief and I am it's servants. 'Aina includes the wai and kai everything interconnected . Aina is Makua so what happens with the 'aina I feel deep rooted. Manawa means present past and future all in one. What I choose to do now will effect those around me now and later including our Kupuna of past.
The people
People of Hawai'i. Literally of the land.... where you were born
"He ali'i ka `aina, he kauwa ke kanaka" I come from aina, I thrive aina, I'm aina.
Though I have other ethnicities, majority is of Hawaiian Koko. I identify with the indigenous peoples of this land. I do not see myself as Caucasian, Chinese, Egyptian. He Hawai'i Au. I am Hawaiian.
Understanding and spiritual connection to place, legacy and lineage. Sense of belonging and ownership via history, mo'olelo, kū'auhau. Participation and perpetuation of cultural activities the base of which is 'olelo makuahine.
Grounded in Aloha-Ike Kupuna-perpetuating what I learned growing up. Relearning what was outlawed by the colonizers!
Being proud of being a Hawaiian and now I will get involved to learn more about my culture because I missed this growing up
It means I have a royal obligation to my bloodline of being a Native Hawaiian. We have a Royal palace own by our kings & queens So this is my legacy. Born & Raised as a native Hawaiian. This is my Lahui and Responsibility.
Belonging to Hawaii and representing it with respect and dignity.
Love of my heritage, my ethnicity, my Ohana.
I don't know? According to DHHL I am 97% Hawaiian Blood, but I don't feel like I am Hawaiian. Being Hawaiian means..... showing Aloha to others especially our Elderly and Kids. They are our past and our future no matter what race or where they come from.
To walk in the ways of my kūpuna of love, spirit and heart. To honor them in all that I do and bring to this world. He Hawai'i au.

Being Hawaiian means you have any amount of Hawaiian blood. Your ancestry can be traced back to pre-contact. You respect where you come from. You want to know more about your ancestry.

Descendants of the aboriginal peoples of the Hawaiian Islands who preceded the arrival of Cook.

There is the obvious answer of being of Hawaiian ancestry. But I also feel that people who represent, respect, perpetuate, and embody ʻōlelo and Hawaii culture are just as hawaiian as me. I know people who know and love Hawai'i culture through and through that have no hawaiian blood. I also know people who grew up on the mainland that have hawaiian blood but have no understanding of Hawaii culture and embody that of the mainland.

Having Hawaiian blood in your veins from your ancestors

Culture, upbringing, aloha, family, olelo

Identity

kanaka means to me born and raised of thus kingdom. I explain it thus way because thats what we were before the Americans discovered us kanaka

Proud

Living in love, working hard to provide a life for my family and teaching my children and grandchildren of our culture through language, arts and food. Living the best life

Living our culture

Being Hawaiian means showing the Aloha spirit everywhere you go. Teaching my keiki of their ancestry and culture

Proud. Malama Aina and Kai. Aloha and Hawaiian koko course thru my veins.

MY BLOOD, MY FAMILY, A CONNECTION TO MY ANCESTORS

Born and raised in Hawaii with Ancestor from Hawaii

Serving Akua and listening to the Aloha spirit.

Our land is the most sacred thing we have. It is a fight every day to preserve the beauty of it. The language too,needs to be used more...to preserve it

We are a indigenous people. We should have the same rights as the Indians. We all should benefit from our lands.

Hawaiian's are prideful people that share a bond between the people and their land. Hawaiians are self sustainable and smart. A special type of people the world needs more of...


Having Hawaiian ancestry blood. One or both maternal parents having Hawaiian in them.

habe The Hawaiian bloodline and practice aloha.

It's my life!!

Aloha

Being connected to my ancestors and the land in a spiritual way.

Hawaiian is a person who descends from the native people of Hawaii, the people who arrived pre-European discovery.
Proud warriors with care and respect for everything around us, malama aina, kapu aloha, our mana is like a volcano 
Protector, Defender & caretaker of our 'āina!!
Hawaiian to me is being one who has Hawaiian blood, but also living here in Hawaii and showing Aloha and love to everyone around you, embracing that Aloha spirit that makes us Hawaiians Hawaiian.
Being Hawaiian means being able to learn to about who you are. Being Kanaka means doing what needs to be done to preserve the culture for our children
Living by the principles of the Kanaka Maoli people who stewarded the islands for generations. This includes Aloha Aina
Having Hawaiian ancestry.
Preserving our ancestry
Being part of an awesome legacy, but with that comes great kuleana. We must do all we can to learn, unlearn and survive so future generations can thrive.
Same as being an American. Means I as a Hawaiian belong to the Hawaiian Kingdom
Living by and perpetuating Hawaiian values and traditions. To stand strong for the rights of our land and people, as well as the rights of all indigenous people and their lands.
Being alive. Being part of a great ohana and striving to keep hold of our values in a Madison marketed and capitalistic system that goes against many values of our island ways, means and resources.
Being Hawaiian means being a descendant of an indigenous people's who were almost wiped out by colonialism. It means being a part of a legacy of those who survived. It means being responsible for perpetuating Hawaiian culture through the present and future times. It means we have the right and responsibility to care for this land and the sea.
A sense of enormous Pride.
Dr. Phan, what is your intent on doing this study as a non Hawaiian. You should tell us more about who you are and your 4 team members. I question the merit of this study as an educated Hawaiian.
my koko, it's in my blood....u can't change that
You are indigenous to Hawaii.
Being Hawaiian means being proud and knowing where and who you come from and taking care of all the things that take care of you
Born of this aina and connected to my ancestors who once lived on and cared for it.
Having koko in you and standing with aloha and other culturally Hawaiian values for the things you believe in
Having pride in my heritage.

It's my identity that has continuously been stripped away. It means pride in knowing who I am and learning all I can to teach the uneducated about our people, this includes my Tutu and my aunts and uncles who was not allowed to learn it. Being Kānaka gives me a sense of connection to the spiritual realm, the communal realm and the familial realm. It means taking care of all things from wherever you are.

Being part of a culture that is uniquely different.

It means being proud in who I am because of who came before and who will come after, it means showing aloha in the best and worse situations. It means doing all I can to protect this Aina and perpetuating the culture through language, education and by doing what I can to help out our lahui

For me, claiming the Native Hawaiian/Kanaka Maoli identity *must* mean a present-day involvement in the culture. There is a difference between being "of descent" and being part of a living culture. Someone who lived all their life as a white American might take an Ancestry DNA test to find they are .01 percent Native Hawaiian and that to me does NOT give them a pass to identify as a Native Hawaiian person. This is not a double-standard as I apply the same belief to my other ethnicities. For example, I am a small "percentage" of Chinese but in no way does it make me a "Chinese person." I will not claim that that culture is my culture. I do not see myself as having a "right" to participate because of blood. I am likely of the minority here but I detest blood quantum identities and feel that active cultural participation and cultural value belief is what separates being "of Native Hawaiian descent" and being Native Hawaiian/Kanaka Maoli. In that, I also take the enlightened stance that people born into and completely assimilated into the culture are Hawaiian. An example is Kamakakehau Fernandez. I don't care that he is not of "descent." He is far more genuinely Hawaiian than many with blood lineage.

Being Hawaiian means carrying Hawaiian values throughout my life & perpetuating my beautiful language and culture

Born of and responsible to this 'āina and her people.

Being from a strong native people who survived disease, racism, and stolen land/culture.

Being Hawaiian is everything that I am. To be me and to be the person that I am is to be Hawaiian.

koko Hawai'i in any amount

Tracing genealogy back to these islands

aloha 'aina, genuine ancestor worship, and sadly intergenerational trauma

A steward of the land i love on

Being Hawaiian means to love and Malama the land, people, and our culture. To practice traditions that were once banned for over 80 years. To be a kia'i and tell our stories because many people do not know the history about Hawai'i and only see it as a place to go on vacation where more of our land is being destroyed, stolen, and being sold for commercial value.

Besides having ancestry in the Hawaiian Islands from before 1778, one must uphold the values, beliefs, and customs of the Native Hawaiian people.

It's about an ideological way of being; rooted in communal values similar to my ancestors. As a modern day kanaka, it's a struggle to have to exist in the two ideological worlds. One forced upon us, without our ability for self determination, and one that stands in contrast to mainstream capitalism & rugged individualism. As a Kanaka, I feel it is our duty to kū'ē in our own way.
Carrying on the traditions and values of my kūpuna, and passing on those traditions and values to my keiki
Aloha 'āina & being aboriginal to these islands
Being and knowing who you are. Speaking olelo Hawai'i.
I am proud to be Kānaka Maoli.
Being Hawaiian is very important to me and I am proud to be Hawaiian
I am proud to be Hawaiian and being Hawaiian means we need to Malama our Aina, culture and language
Hawaiian means we have a responsibility to protect the land and sea with aloha.
Aloha Aina
I'm very proud of my Hawaiian heritage and what it stands for
It means having a connection to the aina and kai spaces across the pae aina known as the Hawaiian Islands and a responsibility to care for them. As well as preserve the practices, spirit & health of the people.
love the aina (fauna and flora)
I'm ethni
Hawaiian is determined by ancestry. Anything else like practicing culture or participating in political actions might add to someone's identification as a Hawaiian but it is only secondary.
Being Hawaiian is a great honor that comes with a greater responsibility. A sense of pride is developed in this respect. Elegance comes to mind when attempting to describe the culture. A unique kindness stems from our roots of gratitude. Spiritually we quite possibly stand second to none. I think of the voyage that was undertaken with complete faith in a promised land that was and is Hawaii.
Being Hawaiian is about learning your native tongue. It is about wanting to be a voice to protect our 'aina and our lāhui. Anyone could claim having the koko because they fly their hae Hawaii but it is by showing who you are and knowing where you come from.
Not only a bloodline. Also a special spirit in me. Aloha
Born of the original peoples who settled Ka Pa'e 'Aina--the Hawaiian Archipelago. I consider peoples from the Polynesian Triangle to be related so I also identify as a relative of Samoans, Maori, Tahitians, and other Polynesian peoples. Living Hawaiian and perpetuating na mea Hawai'i are important to me. And I am very committed to Native Hawaiian health--including current efforts to promote and preserve Mauna Kea, Waimanalo (Sherwoods), and Kahuku (no industrial wind turbines, protect last indigenous mammal).
Being able to call Hawaii "home" and living "Aloha"
a person born in Hawaiian; also, a child with parents with Hawaiian race.
Koko

Kapu Aloha
Born and raised in Hawaii and have biological parent/parents of Hawaiian race
Love for your land, ohana, past, present, and future. Love for your people and being a contributor to the perpetuation of your culture.
Being Hawaiian is considering our past to strengthen our future.
Having ancestors from these islands and embracing the culture that they passed down.
Blood
Hawaiian means having aloha at all times not only for the people and culture, but also the land.
Living Pono and showing aloha to everyone and everything.
In response to that i wish people in general see that we are people just like any other race of human being. We are a living race of humanity.
Learning and living the culture, and passing it on to the next generation. With that 'ike, humble yourself and educate the malihini that don't know. Kapu Aloha always.
That I am from Hawaii
Love our Ohana Protect our Aina Teach our kids so they know where they come from
Being a Kanaka Maoli, a person of indigenous ancestry of the Hawaiian Islands. Once who learns, cultivates, perpetuates and fights for the Hawaiian culture, language, people and land.
It's an honor to be a descendant of a dying race. It is our responsibility to share, educate and express the meaning of Aloha even through difficult times.
I have a long genealogy to this pae 'aina. It is a mo'oku'auhau that no one else can claim.
I believe that the foreigners named us Hawaiian because of the Hawaii islands.
Everything
Direct lineal descendant to pre-European settlers of Hawaiian Islands. Aloha 'Aina. Bearer of kuleana. Practice. Respect for indigenous ways of being.
aloha
Ancestry
Being Hawaiian is having a connection to our environment and responsibility to preserve our natural resources and cultural practices.
Being Hawaiian means a connection to a specific tangible place, a location, an ahupua'a; a traceable link to those people also from that place who shaped the course of history there, participated in events that modified the social structure there, that changed land use there. Being Hawaiian means being a part of a group that immigrated and settled this place for hundreds of years without violent conquest and colonization of an earlier resident population. That is a HUGE societal distinction for me.
Akua, `ohana, mo`okuauhau,`āina

My culture, ancestors and knowing the history of our pae 'āina. Born and raised in the island, embracing my native language which i am proud of and now passing it down to my nā mo'opuna
Proud people with respect of their environment. Resourceful people. People that show love.
Being Hawaiian to me: IMHO it's my blood line, it's my spiritual and physical attachment to these Islands, it's people, customs and way of life.....it's our cultural identity if that makes any sense.
Really?? What kind of question is this?
It means everything to me. How I express it is a different question.
Of Hawaiian ancestry. Holds strong Hawaiian values, malama aina, malama kai, malama each other.
Being connected by blood, by ancestry to my kupuna. A sense of community, reverence for nature and na akua, and a responsibility to live in harmony with nature, akua, and our selves.
Hawaiian to me means the same as what American means. Hawaiian means a person who is a subject or citizen to the Hawaiian Kingdom government.
Embracing, accepting and sharing what I was born to be. Which is taking care and respecting of my land, ocean and people. But most of all to love them all.
To have pride & respect to love the land & its people
As shameful as it may seem, to me it means an oppressed nation.
To be a loving person and Respect the rights of others and our culture of who we are being Hawaiian
It's my blood passed onto me by my ancestors. Keeping our legacy and culture going along with our race. Teaching others about our history, people, and culture.
Being a descendent of the indigenous people of the Hawaiian islands
Akahai, being kind to each other. Lokahi, unity and being in one accord. Olu`olu, being agreeable. Ha`aha`a, being humble. Ahonui, being patient. This is what being Hawaiian means to me.
Being Hawaiian IS being Hawaiian. It's something I have a difficult time describing. It's all i've known, raised in a Hawaiian 'ohana, and in a Hawaiian community on Hawaiian Homelands. It's who I am!
I am my ancestors.
That are people was robbed of their identity- Your language and culture will strip it and forced to learn the White European ways of life I was lied too In All my years in school to make This country look at this I was even lied to about Christopher Columbus- Being Hawaiian is something I am Proud of sad to know what our school system stage is a bunch lies an I'm happy I learned the truth- So I can teach my daughter what school does not teach teach-
Having Hawaiian blood.

It makes up more than 60% of my ethnicity. My Dad spoke Hawaiian and English, my Mom also Native Hawaiian only spoke English. They were born around 1915. I was born in 1952. Hawaiian language was not offered until after I graduated high school. The cultural rebirth began when I was a young adult. I've always been proud of my Hawaiian ancestry but didn't know much about it. In my adult life I'd discovered that my Dad's family settled in Hawi in 406 A.D. it's sad to admit that I feel cheated in not being allowed to be raised living my culture to its fullest due to the overthrow of our monarchy. I need to stop, I'm rambling. I will end by saying I AM Hawaiian.

Proud, humble, spiritual,

In part, having the blood. Another part is being connected to your culture by means of olelo Hawaii, aloha aina, mookuauhau, nohona Hawaii, or ike Hawaii and having good intentions while doing so. You do not need to be well versed in all of these things at the same time, but you should strive to be the best Kanaka you can be, which means seeking ike, seeking mookuauhau, seeking a more Kanaka lifestyle, seeking to know or understand olelo Hawaii, and always to aloha aina.

Having Hawaiian koko

He Hawai'i au. I am my ancestors before me. I am Ohana. I am pono.

Being proud and independent people

Proud

Hawaiian means family comes are survivalist and navigators who arrived in Hawai'i and thrived until today who carry the values of our kupuna and use it in the 21st century.

Being Hawaiian to me means living with the values, respecting and keeping our culture alive as well as having Hawaiian blood running through my veins.

When you love the land, the ocean with utmost respect. We feel it in our guts. To protect the islands and respect Hawaii and it's people. We are not in the same mindset like the mainland. I know because I've been to the mainland many times. The aloha is inside of us. The island is connected to us. We are Hawaii inside of us. Being Hawaiian means you cry for and with your people when they hurt, you hurt. When you feel the pain and feel the injustice for too long. Hawaiian means suffering over and over again. Transplants call it Paradise, I call it prison where we cannot flourish where it it hard to be Hawaiian in Hawaii.

Hawaiian descent with Hawaiian lifestyle that reflect my kupuna

Hawaiian to me is being respectful of others and to oneself. Being proud of my heritage. To sustain and support my Hawaiian community in all positive aspects.

Everything that comes from this 'aina

Being Hawaiian is rather broad since I consider anyone born and raised here in Hawaii as Hawaii. Being Native Hawaiian means that you and your ancestors native to these islands with native Hawaiian blood.

Our ancestors were intellectuals, industrious, well-versed in architecture, seafaring, science & math, chanters, hula specialists, engineers, doctors, cultural practitioners among other things. They embodied the true meaning of Aloha love. Very hospitable. 95% literate in the Hawaiian language. Very organized people. Taken advantage by foreigners with no value system. I am proud of my Hawaiian roots.

I am a descendant of many many generations who I can trace back to Kohala as well as Aotearoa. I just discovered my Maori connection through Ancestry.com. But even before that I suspected at an early age that I must have other Pacific Islander connections because my na'au would get excited and I couldn't sit still in my seat when I heard the music of Aotearoa, Sāmoa, Tahiti and other places in the Pacific. Hokule'a confirmed for me that wē Pacific Islanders were all connected. As a descendant I feel a strong desire to learn all I can about them and hold fast to their cultural values and traditions.

It means taking care of our 'aina, which then leads to taking care of each other.

Being of Polynesian(Kanaka) decent I'm proud of who I am through our culture, history, & accomplishments our people has contributed to the world! Without Kanaka(Hawaiian People) there would be NO "ALOHA" which has been in our DNA from the beginning of time. What happened to our people was uncalled for by the tyrants(Business Men) & The United States Of America Government/Military was all done for personal gain... We need to make what was wronged made RIGHT!

My ancestry that I inherited, a part of my essence, blood that flows within me and it's spirit that guides my heart

Having Kanaka oiwi koko your genealogical connection to this land and practicing our culture

Living and breathing in aloha. Aloha for the wai, Kai, Aina, lahui. Spreading knowledge of our history and respecting our kupuna kahiko.

It is my existence, my identity, my understanding of being part of the Human Race. I believe being Hawaiian (with blood quantum or not [in heart]), means to exist, be instinctively Born as caretakers, Stewards, guardians, protectors, caregivers, examples to betterment of this planet, Earth and all it's inhabitants, how we care for our home and each other.

Malama Aina, Malama Lahui, Aloha

Having native Hawaiian blood (koko) and a connection with the culture & values of Hawaiians

It is DNA ancestry bloodline

My identity as kanaka maoli is understanding that we need to aloha aina and care for one another.

Many things both good & bad. It's challenging to be Hawaiian yet beautiful lol

Being of Hawaiian ancestry prior to annexation.

Being a descendant of the Kingdom of Hawaii. Being conscious of heritage and customs and perpetuating living with aloha.

Proud of my ancestry and history, but also educated and modern.

Weaving the cultural practices and values into our daily lives and major life decisions.

Practicing our cultural activities and speaking oleo Hawaii.

Descendant from native population prior to western contact.

Caring for each other, land, resources, working together.. Aloha.. Knowing, understanding, actively participating and exhibiting that we are one people (ethnically inclusive), with one goal that the human population survives and doesn't kill itself off through monetary greed.

Having an open heart, knowing your culture, participating in your culture.

"Hawaiian" to me is not specifically blood. Hawaiian nation incorporated all ethnicities but loyalty to the Hawaiian Kingdom was required. Hawaiian is different than Kanaka Maoli which has blood connections.

Tough question. I think of many aspects of both the nurture of being born and raised here by mixed marriage parents and the nature of the geographical and physical place I grew up in that had a huge impact on shaping who and how came to behave in this part of the world. Had I been of the same parents but raised somewhere other than Hawaii Nei my story and identity would be very different. So, how to answer the question? No can

Ancestors, Culture, Roots, Respect, Ohana....

Ohana

Having a greater kuleana to the land and fellow Kanaka, to learn and perpetuate the values and practices of our ancestors, to create new practices for current issues that are in alignment with oiwi values, it means everything to me, its who I am, its our collective history from the beginning of time until now, all we have been through as oiwi, all we fight for and flourish in today and in the future

Mean I hate haole

Being Hawaiian to me means you have a lot of respect for our culture. I feel like you don't really need to be of Hawaiian blood to consider yourself "Hawaiian" because there are many different race living here on the Hawaiian islands, and there are a lot of people who are not of Hawaiian blood that respects our culture more than the ones of Hawaiian blood.

It means I have an Indigenous ideology, centered around communal values. I continue to help our IĀhui self determination & practice aloha 'āina.

Hawaiian bloodline, culture

An individual who traces his ancestry to the original settlers of Hawaiian Archipelago and who shares with many others of the same ethnicity a common spiritual and temporal world view.

Even though I am half Hawaiian by race, through my life I never identified myself as "Hawaiian" or "Kanaka Maoli" or any of the popular terms used to describe native Hawaiian people. My viewpoint has and always is through the eyes of mainstream America. Most of my thinking has been shaped by mainstream U.S. culture, pop culture, academics and such. I still maintain some connection to my "Hawaiianess" through family, some of the foods we eat, places we go to and though some of the music I grew up with. By and large though I think of myself as mainly a U.S. citizen and part of the State of Hawaii. I have and never will be for Hawaii breaking off from the U.S. in full or even in part.

It means that I am of the 'āina, and that I am connected by blood and culture to the indigenous people of Hawai'i

Respect for the air , water , land and ancestry

It is the history and ancestral DNA of the people who came before me. Generation after generation, being of Hawaiian ancestry is also remembering your roots and culture.
Cultural upbringing.
It's an ethnicity - a foundation or history and place we are from. It is no different than any other ethnicity except we are the indigenous people of the place we live.
Hawaiian is the pursuit of a future that is advanced in all aspects without sacrificing culture. (Aloha 'Āina- the protection of ourselves and our legacy)
Live the aloha spirit.
He kuleana ko ka mo'okū'auhau e kūpa'a mau i ke aloha o ka 'āina no nā kūpuna o ke au i hala a me nā mamo e hiki mai ana.
He nīnau 'ano pa'akikī nō kēia. He aha ka mea e Hawai'i ai kekahi kānaka? 'O ke kū'auhau kekahi mea e Hawai'i ai kekahi. I ka wā kahiko ho'i, i ka hānai 'ia 'ana o kekahi, ili mai ka mo'okū'auhau o ka hānai. 'O ka 'ike 'ana i nā mo'olelo Hawai'i a me nā mele Hawai'i kekahi mea e Hawai'i ai kekahi. Ma o ia mau mea e 'ike ai kekahi i kona kū'auhau, a me nā lōina o ka wā kahiko. 'O ka 'ōlelo nō kekahi mea e Hawai'i ai kekahi. 'Ike 'ia ke kanaka no kekahi lāhui ma kāna 'ōlelo. 'O ka 'ōlelo nō kekahi mea e kū'oko'a ai kākou. No'u iho, pono kākou e nānā i nā kānaka Hawai'i i hehi mua i ka honua, no ka mea, 'o kākou nō kekahi māhele e ho'omau i ko lākou mo'olelo.
Love Culture way of life
Culture. A way of life.
One who can trace their ancestry to the original inhabitants of these islands.
Love for the land, respect for all things in life.
I am a part of Polynesia
A dwindling ethnicity that cares about Ohana, Aina & Aloha
Keeping my ancestors and their practices alive. Honoring their traditions while living in a western world.
Being of Hawaiian descent/ having Hawaiian blood
Rooted in aina.
Ancestry traceable to pre-contact Hawaii.
Being Hawaiian to me means living and speaking in SOME of our old native ways. Being able to have access to our natural resources,lands,monuments,etc. to learn and pass our history to generations to come. To live in the Aloha spirit within my family,community,and to share.
Ancestry traceable to pre-contact Hawaii.
Connection to Aina, culture, and the principles of Aloha Aina.
It is a culture, where the basis is caring for the land and the wai, which includes fresh and salt water. It includes caring for one another.
Being special, the "Aloha Spirit",..

To me, being Hawaiian means: 1) someone who is a direct descendant of one of the “native people” who lived in Hawai‘i prior to January 1, 1893, or 2) someone who understands and practices aloha aina, accepting his/her kuleana to cultivate and protect our pae aina, and who appreciates, embraces, and supports Hawaiian ideals in his/her daily life.

Love

Understanding where i came from , living core values, having kuleana to give back , sharing our culture, teaching others

Continuation of my ancestors morals and values, ways of life, stories cultural practices. It by me carrying their mana through me and passing it on to my Keiki.

Practicing and perpetuating Hawaiian culture. Blood/person of Hawaiian ancestry.

It’s a blessing to be a native Hawaiian. I’m proud to be Hawaiian.

To share the spirit being Hawaiian when you learn from your kupuna.

Having Hawaiian ethnicity knowing Hawaiian values like pono, LŌKAHI, 'Onipa'a etc. incorporating some culture into lifestyle knowing history & Hawaiian practices from ancient Hawaii to present day. Learning the language (through not fluent) and embracing how the nexy generations of lāhui are rising to stand up for their culture and fellow Hawaiians.

Being Hawaiian means knowing your genealogy and blood of Hawaiian ancestry. It also is a set of values and beliefs that are held. Proof, but also a way of life that is specific to Hawaiians from a historical, cultural, and societal perspective.

I think that since our ancestors' primary source of identity was through genealogy, anyone with Native Hawaiian ancestry has the full right to identify as Native Hawaiian. In terms of being a cultural group, I feel that Native Hawaiians generally share values of mālama ‘āina, aloha and pono.

A lost race finding it's way back

Living, eating and breathing Aloha everyday is Hawaiian to me..

Self awareness of ones all encompassing kuleana to Akua, 'āina, and kanaka (ohana) to the highest regard.

Coming from a place that's unlike no other in the USA

Hawaiian ancestry

Humble, Loving and Creative.

It is what I consider to be one of the most special things about me. It is an identity among a people, it is a culture of love and acceptance and honor, and it is a rich history shortened by colonization.

Living and treating all with respect, kindness, tolerance and love.

The rights and laws in the Hawaiian constitution. Not the fake state. Proud of our culture and not of the illegal occupation of the state of Hawaii.

It means loving the land and our culture as our ancestors did

It's a privilege to be a part of this amazing culture. I have yet to fully understand and appreciate all that being hawaiian is but I am on my way there. The more I learn the more I appreciate it.

Bloodline and culture

To uphold our beliefs of the land, sea and sky. We are responsible to live, love and protect what has been given to us by our ancestors.

Aboriginal of these islands; grounded practitioner of Hawaiian culture and heritage. Proud Descendant of Hawaiian healers and peacekeepers

A strong sense of belonging/connectedness to my land of birth. Living and thriving in my land of birth and sharing my mana'o with my 'ohana.

It is a part of who I am, how I was raised and how I choose to raise my kids. A makeup of what I am. A culture of my life

My life, my history, my ohana. This is who I am. Proud of my heritage.

Family. working as a ohana

Being Hawaiian means that I come from a bloodline with deep roots, directly and richly connected to the Spirit of Hawaii, or Aloha.

I'm connected to this place called Hawaii, the past, the present and the future.

It means I always have a safe place to land, in the arms of my ancestors, my Ohana, and the aina we love.

you have to have Hawaiian blood in order to identify as Hawaiian or part Hawaiian

In this day and age we have been taken away from our language and to even speak. I was not made aware of how important it truly is. HAWAIIAN is what my Ancestors are due to that they migrated to these islands a long time ago. HAWAIIAN blood runs through my veins. HAWAIIAN to be is a diluted race. But we will still stand tall in what we believe in.

Being able to live my life according to my traditional upbringing and to assure that my kuleana to take care of the land and resources is not impeded by the occupying government or their agencies.

Lineal descent. Aboriginal blood. Cultural and social upbringing/background that stems from the aboriginal lineal descent.

Not sure

I am 65 percent hawaiian I am embarrassed that I did not really take more interest in my heritage while I was growing up but now I try to be more involved and doing a lot of reading. I am proud to be Hawaiian.

Kuleana

Alot of History of my kupuna

Being Hawaiian means being Proud, being Respectful/Respected and most of all Blessed. Our people is Blessed with Aloha and theres nothing else in this world that any other culture can give that can compare to Aloha. Although this is the true feeling that I feel deep in my heart, being Hawaiian nowadays and more so, in the past is being robbed, being disrespected, and being hurt.

Self sustained individual in our culture and history.

It means someone who has actual native Hawaiian blood running through their veins.

Proud to be native Hawaiian. I am one of a kind, 100 percent Hawaiian.

Being Hawaiian to me means everything. From the time I awake until the time I return to rest, I am Hawaiian. Being Hawaiian is a state of being, of mind, body and spirit, that act as one. This state of being is to be in harmony with everything around you and beyond. To put forth your best effort to exist and let exist. To thrive and to support all things to thrive around you and beyond. To love everything without ego or prejudice. Being Hawaiian returns me to the beginning of time and all principles of basic love of life, all life. Which in turn, connects me to everything in our universe. This is what Being Hawaiian means to me.

Being of Hawaiian descent; knowing my geneology and Native Hawaiian ancestors so that I may prove that I am Hawaiian.

Being a descendant of the aboriginal people, the first settlers.

Being part of the group indigenous to Hawaii. Believing that the land is of value to me and should be to others here. Knowing that I have ancestors who came before me, and that their mana remains. Feeling a sense of responsibility for the welfare of my homeland and those who make Hawai'i their home. Feeling connected to other Hawaiians, even when they aren't here.

In A nutshell, for me it is being aware of My fellow people, persons, friends, families, needs! Respecting each other's personal space, personal views!

It means I have a special relationship to our Island chain, our land and ocean environment, and people who continue to cherish our lands and the historical culture. However, like myself, it wasn't until I began an adult until I had opportunities to understand this relationship. It is a reminder to people who reside here to take care our archipelago despite modern changes and advancements.

He Hawaii Au Mau A MAu

Being Hawaiian is knowing your roots. It's about being proud of being a Hawaiian on Hawaiian Lands. It's about learning the history behind being Native Hawaiian and about doing hands on learning. Such as, Navigation, Mo'olelo, Hana No'eau, Farming, Fishing, and the different moon phases and what it is good/bad for. Being Hawaiian is Being proud of who you are as a Hawaiian and to fight for what is right. Kū Kia'i Mauna!
#StopTheDesecration

In my opinion, identifying as a Hawaiian means not only being of Hawaiian descent but being aware of modern issues that affect Hawaii, have some knowledge of the Hawaiian people's past and having grown up in Hawaii. I'd like to clarify that being of Hawaiian descent does implicitly make someone a Hawaiian, however I think to truly identify as a Hawaiian individual you must fit the criteria I listed above.

Everything. A kuleana to my kupuna and pulapula to malama aina and perpetuate our culture.

Being Pono. Not being greedy with resources. Cleaning up litter or not making litter. Aloha spirit without being naive.

Perpetuating cultural practices, knowledge, and values.

1. Being able to practice my cultural traditions, history and language.

First, you must have Hawaiian ancestry, blood, ethnicity.

Lineage + identity.

Hawaiian is my life and have been since birth

Being a Hawaiian to me is being one from this 'āina. A connection to place beyond the physical. It is an element of who we are, what we believe, our nature at its core.

Being Hawaiian to me is the ability to freely connect spiritually, physically and relationally to the land, the people and God. It is being able to express thru love the results of those connections to others.

It means knowing who you are and honoring that. It is ancestry. It is blood. But it is also what you do and don't do. It's a value system. It's connection to past and present.

It means I am a descendant of the indigenous inhabitants of Hawai'i. As such, I have a responsibility to exhibit the worldview, culture, and knowledge of my ancestors within a modern context, including, and perhaps most importantly, maintaining the reciprocal relationship of aloha 'āina. Being Hawaiian means I have a responsibility to protect, preserve, and perpetuate culturally significant places, items, and knowledge, and to speak our native language.

At the simplest level, it is having Hawaiian ancestry by blood. You have a pre-contact Hawaiian / Kanaka Maoli ancestor. After that, there are many levels and layers of what being Hawaiian means. I have a love for this land. I love the land because it is where I am from, and it is my family. The 'āina - the land, the water, the forests, the reefs, the birds and animals, the fish, the Kanaka - of it, is my family. And it is incumbent upon me to act accordingly.

It means that I am descendant of a people who traveled across the ocean many years ago and are native to these islands. A people who were resilient and had a rich culture. It also means that I have a responsibility to educate my children about our history.

Thinking of others and the needs of future generations, Sustainability as oppose to conservation, finding a balance between traditional teaching and modern society.

Being able to trace my 'ohana through my Hawaiian blood. To have kuleana over our culture, language and 'āina for kūpuna and future generations.

My genealogy traces back to the native people of Hawai'i.

It means being respectful to those that come before us and taking care of the world we're in today for the generations to come. It's having a connection to this land and feeling at one with it.

To me, being Hawaiian means showing aloha to people, places and things. I also think I have a responsibility to perpetuate my Hawaiian heritage and culture.

Living by the hawaiian culture. Living with aloha.

Heritage. Culture. Koko. Kuleana. Aina. Ohana.

Being cognizant of the language and what it weight the words carry.

Kapu aloha

Being Hawaiian means that you are a product of Hawaiian ancestors to whom you are tied to through the koko in your veins. It means that despite your histories and language being silenced, your culture commodified for foreign profit, being displaced from your own land, and enduring colonialism-based transgenerational trauma, you continue to carry the history of your people with you and incorporate the ways of your ancestors so that the culture lives on through you.

Unlike the word American (a citizenship that can be bought), being Hawaiian means living and breathing the values and the ideas that old Hawaiian kept. It is perpetuating the culture, it is valuing the 'aina, community, and respecting self. It means to be apart of something bigger than yourself, being apart of something that is slowly declining. It means being a group of people that's native language is being lost, being apart of people who's a minority in their home, being in a place that is hard to perpetuate their own culture. Being Hawaiian to me means being a minority who constantly has to fight in order to perpetuate their culture, being a group of people who is valued to the tourist but discriminated in their own home.

Being one with the everything...the land the sea the sky the air the wind the stars. Being respectful caring loving and supportive. Self reliant self sufficient community and people based.

Trace ancestry back before capt cook and live the life of a Hawaiian as best you can

Being a descendant of the original Hawaiians

Having blood Hawaiian blood, practicing Aloha 'Āloha, perpetuating the Hawaiian culture and beliefs.

It means having a connection to the land. It means being a descendant of the people who had a connection to the land.

it means being connected to the land we live on. standing for our rights as kanaka of this land. being the future and faces of our kanaka and our 'āina.

Having genealogical ties to the people who first settled the islands of Hawaii.

Being HawaiiN means living with great values, morals, respect for people and the land. It means being proud of our ancestors, what they stood for, our culture and ways of living off the land. Learning as much as you can about history, language and ways of our ancestors and living as they did because they were masters at so many things and was able to take care of their resources.

It means that I have a responsibility to protect my family, my 'āina, my language and my culture.

Knowing your identity and living it each day in heart and spirit. Learning where you came from and walking out that good. Being the essence of aloha in all areas of your life. Learning and cultivating your culture in life, land and spirituality and passing the knowledge on

Hawaiian means connecting to our ancestors through our native tongue language or cultural practices, treating the land as if it is your family member and leaving a place better than how you found it.

Being a steward of the LAND and SEA and showing and teaching my family the same! He ali'i ka 'Āina he kauā ke kanaka.

Hawaiian is more than just saying aloha and mahalo, for me it's about knowing my ancestors and the traditions they hope to instill in me. Whether being sustainable with the land and sea, practicing cultural traditions (hula, sailing, paddling), or loving one another with the deepest respect. Being Hawaiian is more than just saying it but trying to live like my ancestors would be proud. Everyday is a struggle with so many outside views of what Hawai'i is, but staying true to ourselves is the only way we will be true Hawaiians.

Having kanaka maoli blood at a base level; being connected to our culture through song, dance, our land, and values.

It means everything. To know my culture and our history is so important to me. To know where we come from and the practices our ancestors did. I am Hawaiian in everything I do.

To be able to trace your ancestry back to the Kingdom era and prior.

Being Hawaiian means having a tangible connection to the Native people Hawai'i. It means that you can trace your ancestry to the very roots of Hawaiian history. Additionally, being a Hawaiian means that you are a steward of this 'āina and of the culture. You are a practitioner of the culture in whatever way you see for.

Being Hawaiian means continuing the work of my kupuna, perpetuating our culture, and malama the aina,

Being Hawaiian to me means to Aloha Aina. The land and the people share a spiritual connection to each other and the exchange of Aloha and Malama brings forth benefits to both parties.

It means being knowledgeable enough about our past to integrate it into our present and further our people's legacy in the future

I identify myself as Hawaiian because my ancestral roots connect to the first arrivals to Hawai'i. There are also European ancestors in my genealogy, however because I was born, raised, trained, educated, employed in Hawai'i instead of France, Germany, Ireland, or England I have a greater affinity to the 'āina, the culture, the people of Hawai'i and therefore identify more closely with them. Like any other experience in my life, my being Hawaiian is an honor and a responsibility. For me, being Hawaiian has to do with sharing and caring, working hard and in harmony, honoring my kupuna, their courage and determination in the midst of political turmoil, having compassion for their sacrifices and sufferings, and so much more.

Being Hawaiian is based on ancestry.

To be from these islands, to have genealogy tracing back to my ohana long ago, to tend to my kuleana with my family, community and beyond. To know who I am and where I come from.

Being born of Hawaiian blood and self identifying as Hawaiian.

Being Native Hawaiian is how I describe myself. My identity is rooted in my culture and history. The values I live by all stem from my kupuna (living a life that is pono, malama 'aina, aloha ke kahi i ke kahi, etc.).

I am an ingenious kanaka that was born in Hawaii. My land and ocean is my ancestor and I am responsible to take care of those resources.

It is a way of life; living in aloha, traditions, and having a sense of belonging.

Being Hawaiian to me means being a descendant of a native Hawaiian and having a blood quantum of Hawaiian blood. Being Hawaiian is knowing or having awareness of Hawaiian culture, practices, history, knowledge, stories, language, and current issues we as a people face today.

Being Hawaiian in 2019 is a responsibility. It is our generation that will keep our bloodline going and our culture alive.

Being a Hawaiian to me is a way of life. There's many aspects to being Hawaiian. It's how we carry ourselves because we represent not only ourselves or our culture we represent or kupuna. Being Hawaiian can be interpreted in many ways. It's deeper than most people think. It has a lot to do with your lineal connection with your ancestors. Being Hawaiian means doing what is right ALWAYS. And currently we are standing for our rights to be HAWAIIAN in HAWAII. It comes with a lot of kapu aloha. Because whether an issue is good or bad we must remain in our truest forms of what Hawaiian is which stems from a deeper ALOHA.

embracing all the 'ike and mo'olelos from our kūpuna with aloha āina for future generations and generations to come.

To practice the culture and traditional values of native Hawaiians including caring for and loving family, friends, the 'āina, the kai, and the natural resources.

being authentic in your deeds and actions

It means feeling like I don't belong in my own home, like I'll always be an outsider looking in, but it also feels like I understand and hear the land and the sea deep in my bones, that I have a connection to the land that nothing can change.

Being Hawaiian means having love for my family, people and land. It comes with the responsibility to take care of the things that make our people who we are and upholding our culture.

Taking care of our kupuna, our keiki and aina. Being kind to all and striving for social justice.

Being indigenous to Hawaii. First Nations peopled.

It means that I am an individual of my own bloodline (Koko) from my ancestors. It means that this must be carried on to my children. Along with our histories.

"Hawaiian" is a nationality, referring to subjects/nationals of the country, Hawai'i. Therefore, Hawaiians today are aboriginal & non-aboriginal descendants of Hawaiian subjects. "n/Native Hawaiian" is a U.S. legal term designed to disenfranchise those of aboriginal Hawaiian descent over time, as well as to completely disenfranchise non-aboriginal Hawaiians.

Being one with the aina and remaining in Kapu Aloha

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I am of this land Hawaiinei ...

Being Hawaiian is not just ancestry it is a way of life. A life of living in harmony and as a Steward of the 'aina.

Being born to a race of people who were quite advanced in a exploration, who were well educated, understood the relationship with their surrounding, religious humble and very respectful of all races of the world. We are ALOHA and ALOHA is us.

What does being Hawaiian means to me? Let's see being Hawaiian is having respect, love, and never ever for get Ohana. Hawaiians have lots of Aloha.

That I am from this land. I am an indigenous people's and my family has been here for thousands of years surviving and thriving off the land and it's resources. Being Hawaiian means full of love compassion knowledge and deep respect for others and the aina.

Ohana and blood line

To me it means protect. Means we are the aina we are aloha and we are water we are our islands

The culture and identity of this aina.

being a native hawaiian means everything to me.

I'm proud to be a Hawaiian. My I'm proud to be Hawaiian. Hawaiians in my age group are normally compassionate, peace-loving and skillful in whatever they undertake.

Being a true Kanaka & native of these islands.

Hawaiian is one of five ethnicities I have. The hawaiian culture weighs more than the other four because I live in Hawaii and the Hawaiian culture is represented around me. I am proud of being Hawaiian and think it's special with it's own set of responsibilities but my scope is wide and being Hawaiian doesn't outweigh being human to me. It is to be treated tenderly, but being Hawaiian is not my identity.

DNA, Genealogy and Indigenous rights to this land

It means to live with honor, dignity and respect. It means that I choose to live as my ancestors would want me to live, hardworking, value family, malama all Kupuna, do not use substances of any kind, etc. it means to know and learn about my culture and respect that. It also means to respect others cultures and not try to change it.

Kānaka Maoli: embracing the concept of a reciprocal relation with my people, culture, 'āina and living a normal, stable and productive lifestyle. Maintaining and improving a strong Kānaka Maoli Lāhui.

It's being born of native blood. It's being part of a small indigenous group of native people, attached to the islands, culture, and aloha that makes up Hawaii.

It's my identity, who I am , where I come from, my connection to the land , people (others Hawaiians) and islands. My culture and my family.

Hawaiian mean someone who is born and raised .

Being a Hawaiian National loyal to Ko Hawai'i Pae Aina.

It is who I am, where and how my life began, it is my beginning and that of my children and they're children. At the age of 68, I am proud to be of the Native Hawaiian Ancestry as with all other ABORIGINALS of this WORLD!

Having an intimate relationship with the elements, nature, the land, family, ancestors 24 hours a day, everyday.

It is how you conduct yourself everyday.

Blood

Everything
It means being able to practice my Hawaiian culture whenever I want to. It means I'm proud of my culture and my ancestry.
I am proud to be Hawaiian, I believe the world would be a better place if they learned from the Hawaiian people.
Living as my ancestors did; culturally (as much as possible - 1) To be in nature ;take care of her 2)Eat & prepare foods that a Hawaiian diet has 3) Spiritually; money is NOT My God; practicing RIGHTEOUSNESS to others and this Earth
Ancestry, a way of living off the land, respect
Being Hawaiian, to me, means to be actively involved in activities that preserve our culture and/or connect us to the place we call kulāiwi. To me personally, it means being proud of how far my ancestors have come and of how much they survived so I could be born and raised in my homeland. It also means making an active effort to learn about our culture, and adapt it in ways that fit modern times (not always, but in times of need). Being Hawaiian isn't just about speaking the language and practicing traditional skills (although these are important too); it's about feeling a sense of community not only with the people around you but also with the land and its other inhabitants. We are the stewards of our own land, and thus we must have an aloha for all of it. Lastly, being Hawaiian means having foresight for our keiki, and using our past to inform the decisions that mold our future.
Being true to yourself, your culture, your kupuna
Being of native hawaiian blood. I feel like now a days being hawaiian means being ku'e, pro-soverignty, speaking olelo hawaii, knowing culture/traditions. However not all Hawaiians are into those things or choose to be included in cultural activities. Yet we are called "un hawaiian" just because we choose not to do those things which is stupid. To me being Hawaiian means having the blood and mo'okuauhau to back it up.
Hawaiians = Aloha. We are a culture full of love, love for one another and love for our Aina.
Standing strong being proud of all.the parts of who I am and my ancestors
Knowing his ha brought me forward to aloha and malama all things.
Born and raised
Living in occupation.
It's my ancestors before me, where my lineage stems from and our aina (land) having the connection like an umbilicord connected wherever I may be on this papa (mother earth).
It means that I am a child of this land. Being here is my birthright. I am entitled to certain rights (example: gathering rights) that may not be afforded to those who are not Native Hawaiian. I also have the responsibility to ensure the land and culture is protected for future generations.
Being Hawaiian is something you are either born with or not. It is either in your blood or it is not. My grandfather was pure hawaiian and so I am Hawaiian.
It means that I am a descendant of the indigenous people of the Hawaiian islands and I am tied to these islands through my kupuna.

Living Hawaiian culture, whether that is hula, 'olelo, paddling, lei making, oli, subsistence living, raising your keiki and mo'opuna to ho'ihi kupuna, learn about the culture and live Hawaiian values like aloha, laulima, aloha 'aina, malama each other and kuleana.
Hawaiian means being humble and respectful to everybody where we are all Ohana
Being connected to the land and the people.
Being Hawaiian means embracing and practicing the traditional ways of Hawaiian culture.
I have a strong sense of pride and love for the land I grew up in and a deep respect for my ancestors and the way of life they grew up in.
the right to self determination
For me, Being Hawaiian means being apart of one of the most diverse cultures. This makes the Hawaiian Culture so important to our society. The way our Kupuna lived and lives their life is what we need to strive to be. We need to be STRONG LEADERS in our Community. We need to UNITE and STAND STRONG to what we believe in as Hawaiians.
I am a native of Hawaii. Knaka Maoli
It's NOT being Hawaiian. Being implies having to do something in order to behave in a way that is in line with that perspective. I am.
Proud race, who cares for one another, loving culture thru music, language and humanity. Full of richness to better humanity.
It is who I am and who my people are, and it is the island I live on and call home.
As a Native Hawaiian, I cherish my ancestors and all that they have taught me and continue to perpetuate these lessons of Aloha to my children, grandchildren and everyone in my life.
That we were a sovereign nation and illegally taken over by the U.S and our queen imprisoned
Of Hawaiian blood , born in the islands
Hawaiian is in your behavior and attitude. If you have Hawaiian blood, you have kuleana. If you say you are Hawaiian at heart, you have kuleana to preserve the Hawaiian culture.
Being Hawaiian means that the hawaiian blood runs thru me and it came from my ancestors. Being that we're Hawaiian we must protect and preserve the land that we live on for future generations like how our ancestors took care of the land so now we have the land and resources to survive.
Being a Kanaka Makua - well rounded in everything I do and what I hope my keiki will strive for
I can trace my genealogy to the first inhabitants of Hawaii, and aloha 'āina is my driving force.
Hawaiian to me means, being part of a beautiful culture that has been held prisoner for so long, that only now the chains are coming off slowly, but surely!!! A culture that is held together by the word, ALOHA!!!
To me, being Hawaiian means that you have koko (Hawaiian by blood), that you have at least some basic knowledge of any aspect of Hawaiian culture, you respect that knowledge, and can practice it.
Being Hawaiian means having Hawaiian blood as well as knowledge of who we are and where we come from!

First of all I identify myself as a kanak mauoli . so I will identify myself as that. Is a race of people that was the first humans to live in Hawaii so would be indigenous to the land we call Hawaiian . and deeply connected to the lands the elements respect for the and and believe we are descendent of the papa the earth and wakes sky father. And rooted in culture . and supported be our ancestors

Proud

Everything. Respect of Land, Culture, and People.

I can trace my hawaiian lineage to the Hawaiian Islands.

Peaceful, hardworking, responsibility to the land, skies, and seas. 'Ike kūpuna. Last priority would be actual Hawaiian blood descent.

Hawaiian means having a specific nationality in my body. From there, it means giving everything I have without payback, giving a 100 percent effort to my community, to my fellow Kanaks, to the land and to my family. Hawaiian is aloha.

Hawaiian means belonging to the Hawaiian Kingdom at the . time of the illegal overthrow.

Being Hawaiian means I have a responsibility to the land and the people to live in reciprocal relationship (mind, body, soul) daily through Aloha...

I'm proud to be hapa. Hawaiians are strong and connected to god and know much about our roots unlike many groups of people.

Hawaiian was short for Hawaiian Subject. To me it's simple. It's my nationality. Kanaka is my ethnicity. It means knowing where I come from our past and where I'm going.

Polynesian cultural identity of peoples first arriving and inhabiting the islands, bringing forth traditional knowledge and wisdom.

Born and raised. Living in islands that were found by my ancestors. Unique, original culture, language specific to Hawai'i.

Humble, proud and caring in all of my culture and religious beliefs.

Everything

Hawaiian 2 me is, taken care of the place one is born to. Like our ancestor who have care so Much for Hawai'i nei, because they knew the important of the land, the sea, and every other nature elements was very important to them in sustaining life for them. It is in our culture, our beliefs, etc to keep and care for nature for all generation so we can benefit it rewards she have given us

Hawaiian is a nationality and not ancestry. Being Hawaiian is to know your political history. We know that the U.S. is occupying Hawai'i for over 126 years. We need to expose the occupation through education.

It means I live my life and always have with Kapu Aloha and will continue to live it that way

Over the last few years exploring what it means to be Hawaiian requires challenging the system of education governance loyalty patriotism public opinion media bias and manipulation or omission of facts and truth. Finding a path to understanding what it means to be Hawaiian is obstructed denied criminalized and legislate prevention. Access to resources denied or requires permit or permission. Cultural practices are viewed as pagan will little or no respect legitimacy. Authority enforcement land ownership legislation are crafted to restrict or define cultural practices or access. Constant learning and exposure to cultural practices not portrayed as re-enactment for entertainment is always challenging under the current society's norms. Always challenging sense of loyalties and patriotism that is iHawaiian focused. Western American brainwashing and influences makes being hawaiian challenging at best.

Being Hawaiian for me has given me immense pride... Also made me feel judged, suppressed and helpless at times. I love my unique DNA. But society oppresses my people and are hateful towards us because they are intimidated.

Being part of a genealogy that extends back to the creation of time, extending into the future. Being intimately connected to our 'āina. Being responsible to continue cultural ideas like mālama 'ohana, and practices, like 'ōlelo Hawai'i to makung/eating foods like kaulau & poi, to learning & sharing mo'olelo, to engaging with uplifting the lāhui where I can contribute my talents & energy.

Every thing

Being Hawaiian means carrying the Hawaiian blood through your genealogy.

I'm proud to be Kanaka Mauoli and feel responsible to my ancestors especially being from Napo'opo'o, to Hikiau heiau and the Hawaiian Kingdom.

Acknowledging, connecting and committing to your Identity of your Kupuna... that is Kanaka Maoli/Oiwi of Ko Hawa'i Pae 'Āina. Honoring the kuleana left by our Kupuna that signed the Kūē Petitions, as they were the last of the Hawaiian Kingdom Subjects, Kanaka Maoli/Oiwi and NON Kanaka as well that knew exactly what was transpiring, which is why they signed. I believe in my Kupuna and their kuleana left to us to restore our Rightful inheritance and kuleana which is the Hawaiian Kingdom independent from US occupation and rule...

Everything. Pride. Rare. Indigenous. Beautiful. Fortunate.

Proudly love and care for the land and it's people. We are one with aina. Everything kanaka need to sustain ourselves have been provided by aina. Being Hawaiian to me means that we are a loving, advanced, and successful people without outside influence. Being Hawaiian means that we hold ourselves in our highest regards at all times, that we lift each other, we aloha each other to move forward as a people.

Mālama i ke kai a me ka 'Āina Aloha 'Āina Ho'iho'i ke ea o Ko Hawaii pae 'āina

Everything

That I have a responsibility to my county, my monarchy and especially to our ancestors who set an unbreakable untouchable foundation in regards to restoring the Hawaiian Kingdom government as a retired school teacher I've chosen to educate truth based on facts with Dr. Keanu Sai's guidance along with all the scholars that he is connected to.

I come from the heavens, the stars.

It means I'm of a race that belongs here

An individual that is born from Hawaiian blood. One raised in the cultural practices and observances of aloha, 'āina and malama. One that displays a level of respect that derives from their DNA. That possesses the understanding of connection to one to another and every aspect of the environment of their one hānau and transfers that understanding to everyone, everywhere, in everyplace. That has been such a challenge in today's systemic infrastructure.

Aloha

My family has a genealogical chant that shows we have been here since 489AD. Hawaii is who I am.

Actually Hawaiian is non-blood and their children are called Native Hawaiian -according to King Kamehameha III, we are Kanaka Maoli, I am a reflection of you, you are a reflection of me for our Kingdom is Kanaka Maoli

My realization of my responsibility to the land, family, culture, language and people as a whole.

It's a belonging to a place, a culture and a history. It is the aho that binds my direct line and all of my lālā to me and my descendants. It is my connection to ke Akua.

Fortunate/unfortunate. Fortunate to be of a native people who believe in and still grasp the values of a symbiotic relationship with all things, and the basic understandings that all life and resources have a right to exist in a free and natural state, and unfortunate that we must now fight not against the things we hate, but fight to save the things we love. There are times when we are helpless against injustice but there must never be a time when we cease to protest.

Being Hawaiian means to care for the land that our ancestors cared for. Being Hawaiian means to share aloha with everyone.

Living in the ways our ancestors intended. Aloha 'Āina all day everyday

Having Hawaiian blood and knowing about your culture

Genealogically connected to this place.

Caring , loving and Respect

Pa'a ka 'ōlelo Hawai'i, pa'a ka mō'aukala Hawai'i 'oia'i'o, pa'a kekahi hanana 'ike ku'una Hawai'i, he pilina 'uhane Hawai'i

Being Hawaiian to me is to carry myself with the honor and mana of all the Kūpuna that came before me. To know my history and to never forget it. To hold myself accountable for what happens on our 'āina while I am here. To do the best I can to succeed in the new world as Hawai'i. And to be proud of who I am and who I came from.

Hawaiian is not something you be, it is something you are. If you breathe, eat, sleep and love this land you are a local no denying that we love supporters of our aina. However, if you hold the blood of a Hawaiian, breathe the culture into your future generations, and support your people. You are Hawaiian.

It's who I am, why I am who I am and the things I do which also includes my thinking process of why I do what I do. Also, my genealogical ties to this island

Being Hawaiian by blood. I feel obligated to show the real Hawaii and being really hospitable to other people in a happy way. I feel being Hawaiian also means moving on from the past to thrive as a race in this diverse world.

care for others as i do my self and to never take the land for granted as in i take care of the land and in turn she feeds me
Bloodline. But also carrying yourself in a way that honors our beautiful culture in an authentic & pure way.
Blood. Ancestors that were here before the haole "discovered" the islands.
Hawaiian is a group of people and a set of culture and values that are tied to the landbase known as Hawai'i. Hawaiian culture is about a relationship to the land and sea and sky. It's tied to rituals (dance, chant, food, music, etc) that celebrate and educate about elemental forces and nature.
It means that I am of this place, that I come from a long line of kūpuna that lived - deeply, intimately, reciprocally - in and with this place and who were spiritually, culturally, and physiologically shaped by this place.
Having a blood connection to the islands
Being hawaiian ia something of blood quantum, geneology, cultural practice. under the law of the you are hawaiian if you live hee for 5 years or more.
To me being Hawaiian means, that you come from A long line of ancestral and cultural history. That you hold the upmost importance of maintaining these lands. That we hold the deepest form of Aloha in our hearts. To me being Hawaiian means everything really.
Being Hawaiian for me means showing aloha to everyone
blood
Any percent of having hawaiian blood
blood, any percentage
amazed, but also sad to see how everything is so much different from how our ancestors lived
Its my identity and who makes me who I am.
Hawaiian isn't just an ethnic race but a way of life.
Ancestors were original people of these islands...survived near extinction of a people...rich culture and family based value system...importance of preserving natural resources
Being Hawaiian means being myself in every area of my life. It is not so much about what I do, but about who I am. Being Hawaiian means being myself.
My Kanaka Maoli ancestors make me Hawaiian. I am a continuation of those who have came before, and I have a kuleana to represent my ancestors well and to contribute to the growth of our Lahui for those who will follow.
My ancestral ethnicity
Family coming from Hawaii, having Hawaiian pride, practicing the culture, having a native attitude/belief system.
Hawaiian is lineal descendant of the indigenous people living in Hawaii at time of Cook's arrival, is the definition I was taught. At the time, I had asked, "What if my ancestor was a Japanese fisherman blown way off course?" And my teacher replied that yes, that counted, because that ancestor would have had to become of the place and learned And adopted all the social and cultural mores.

It means being descendant of the peoples who first arrived here. It means having a privilege and responsibility to this place and our people.
Living aloha. Learning the past to know how to prepare for the future.
It means to be proud of your heritage and history of your ancestors. To help perpetuate the culture so that future generations can learn and carry on traditions. It means to care for the land, air and sea and to protect it for future generations. It means to live with aloha.
Who I am as a person, am proud of my ancestry, and grew up with such love for my tutu lady and all my cousins, more like brothers and sisters
Hawaiian is more than just being blood. It is participating in cultural traditions and rituals. It is to incorporate Hawaiian language in daily communication. It is sharing and living Aloha. It is practicing "malama aina." It is fighting, defending, and protecting what is Hawaiian.
Taking care of our ohana, our aina, & our values.
A Hawaiian is someone who can trace their ancestry to the inhabitants of the Hawaiian islands pre Western contact.
It means that I am part of a community and culture of the strongest people in the world. I have a deep connection to my land and people and an understanding of aloha aina to a farther extent than any other culture.
A child of the land, special and unique, a result of over 1000 years of adaptation to this isolated place. Connection to the Aina and the spirit in all things.
bearing our kuleana to support the lāhui
Unique Polynesian culture
Saying and practicing aloha as much as you can.
respect and love of nature
Being Hawaiian is a privilege. Its also a duty to preserve our culture.
Being able to practice my culture, whether it's fishing, planting taro or going up to Mauna Kea if I choose to. Teaching my children to fish, plant their own kalo, pound poi. How to pick limo, clean fish. Keeping places cleaner than I found them, like picking up rubbish at the beach. Respect for living things and our way of life.
Respecting, living and Identifying with the Hawaiian culture as a Hawaiian blooded man.
Living the traditions of my mo'okū'auhau and passing down 'Ike kūpuna
Being Hawaiian is the most precious thing of my life. I cherish every story I hear of my ancestry. Our history is what makes my Hawaiianess more appreciative. Our people were very self sufficient. Our queen were true to our people. Unlike these Americanized politicians who works for the money and not for the people. My dad is pure Hawaiian. My dads parents were Hawaiian. And my moms mom was pure Hawaiian. I cherish that. My dads sister and a brother and nephew is still alive today. All pure. I bleed Hawaiian blood. I live Hawaiian.
Having hawaiian blood and being from hawaiian bloodline
live Aloha, aloha the land and perpetuate the Hawaiian culture

It does not mean as much to me as I'd hope. I don't look Hawaiian, I don't speak Hawaiian and I do not know how to cook or keep up with Hawaiian traditions. I wish it were not so but that's just how it is for me personally.

Being Hawaiian is so very important and special I grew up watching my grandmother standing and fighting for Hawaiian lands and people to Hawaiian is sacred the culture is so beautiful my uncle is a kumu hula I love the food the ohana..

On a most basic level, by genetic heritage. On a spiritual level, it is one way I am tied to God and the spiritual realm. On a cultural level, it informs by world view, how I relate the physical world around me and humanity.

Through mo'oku'auhau, my genealogy traces back to Mauna a Wakea. My ancestors, my kupuna, I come from this land.

Having the aloha spirit

Being Hawaiian means belonging to the land and respecting the natural world around us. Land cannot be owned and it is our duty to serve the land.

Being Hawaiian is about how I live every day. It does not come out on special occasions only. I conduct myself with grace and compassion.

Being Hawaiian to me is being of Hawaiian decent. Some people think living here makes them Hawaiian, but that is not like saying you're "American". That doesn't mean anything. That's a nationality, not ethnicity. It's not a part of them. However, though I identify as being Hawaiian and say I am Hawaiian, I am not as immersed in culture as much as I would like to be.

Knowing your responsibility and duties as a native. And passing your knowledge on to the next generation

Knowing that as an individual you have a responsibility to keep your culture alive through education from family and institutions, on how to make malama the aina.

You are your culture and you live on your land and care for it.

Being Hawaiian is the most integral part of my identity as a person. I come from a people who have survived genocide and colonization. I represent one of the most resilient groups of indigenous people.

Being Hawaiian is having kanaka maoli blood and being able to trace genealogy back to this aina. To me, it also means having a respect and devotion to this land. I do feel that Hawaiian is also a nationality, as well as an ethnicity.

Being Hawaiian means having a responsibility to Ke Akua, our 'aumakua, and our 'Ohana. Being Hawaiian is more than just being blood, being Hawaiian is staying connected to your roots and always staying grounded in Hawaiian language and culture no matter where you may be. Being Hawaiian is having respect and love for the 'āina and having the will and mana to fight for what is right rather than go about life as it is.

Being of Hawaiian ancestry

Having respect and love for all including the land, honoring Hawaiian tradition, perpetuating the Hawaiian culture and its values

I am Hawaiian because my mother was of Hawaiian blood. However I do feel that being Hawaiian is also a lifestyle of Caring and sharing, living aloha

I like to stick with the first definition: ancestry, and more technically if your ancestor was living in Hawai'i prior to 1778. But over time I learned that Hawaiian was the national term you called yourself as a citizen of the Kingdom of Hawaii, where it was a multi-ethnic state at the time of the overthrow. Most of the insurgents who overthrew the government were Hawaiian, as in Hawaiian Kingdom subject, but were of American/European descent. To a less pedantic definition, someone who has 0 native Hawaiian ancestry, but who has learned from the most famous and powerful teachers of any aspect of our society. e.g. Puakea Nogelmeier. Not to be compared to Aunty Patience Namaka Bacon, she is a Hawaiian because she was adopted by Mary Kawena Puku'i's mother, as well was taught the ancient way of speaking Hawaiian and the art of hula. But there is still a dichotomy between who should benefit from Hawaiian programs, it is those who are of actual Hawaiian descendants. I only say that because there is already much need for those who descend from native Hawaiian ancestors. No actual cultural connection is required to be a Hawaiian either. And never should the concept of blood quantum be used to define who is Hawaiian or not...

Olelo, mo'olelo, ohana, life ways, sacred aina, kai, wai, ka makani, kupuna, mele, hula, chants, Hawaiian Kingdom, Home. Seeing, feeling and living every moment in the awareness and deep appreciation for all these thing and more.

Having aloha, respecting the Hawaiian culture, and respecting the Hawaiian land.

I have a connection to this aina before contact. I have a culture and language specific to this place

Being Hawaiian means you are of Native Hawaiian descent. You have Kuleana to care for your ohana and the place you live in. Hawaiians now, we are re-learning the ways of our ancestors. Being Hawaiian right now is a time to rise up, learn about who we were, are and will be. We need to take our ancient practices back and teach them to our keiki. Being Hawaiian means honoring kapu aloha but not letting any other people think that we are weak and try to tell us how to love our lives

I have the koko of my kanaka maoli kūpuna who were Hawaiian Kingdom subjects before the overthrow. Thus, I inherited the responsibility to mālama our 'āina and lāhui.

Ua Mau ke Ea o ka Aina i ka Pono

Being Hawaiian means many things to me. I didn't particularly identify as Hawaiian early in my life. My grandfather was Hawaiian but he was taught to be ashamed of his heritage. When I left Hawaii I knew that I would be representing my state, but I didn't feel as though I was representing the Hawaiian culture necessarily. When I came back to it as an adult I learned more about the cultural Renaissance and about how I might play a role in cultural sustainability. Because I don't present as particularly Hawaiian, in other words my aesthetic does not necessarily suggest my native Hawaiian ancestry, I have thought quite a bit about what it means to be Hawaiian. I'm received as mixed race by most. When I participate in group activities with other Hawaiians, I feel like I should speak softly and perhaps I wonder if I should even participate. Being Hawaiian means living in Aloha. That means humility, Unity, kindness, and harmony. I feel being Hawaiian means being a steward of the land, and teaching people who don't understand about stewardship how that is the answer to climate change. Being Hawaiian also means susceptibility to historical trauma. Which, coupled with many contextual factors, so often results in poor well-being. It is a common story with indigenous folks, with people who have had their attachments to spiritual mother's broken, land taken away, oppression on personal and systemic levels, it means searching for belonging in many ways. Being Hawaiian has also meant that I have been given opportunities to participate in Academia and other kinds of projects where diversity is valued. And so, being Hawaiian also means finding ways to contribute to community, for me.

Being the very few that belong to the land the state. A unique culture.

That you are of this 'aina (land)

Someone that did not know a culture from her ohana because it was shame, but is now awakened by her keiki who was allowed to learn through charter school.

My ancestors lived and ruled these islands before the introduction of European foreigners. We are unique and have physical and spiritual ties to this land, and should be entitled to inherent rights and privileges pertaining to Hawaii.

Pride Sadder for all we have lost. We are a dying race. Lots of Aloha. I feel it in my naau

It's not just our blood but our heritage and we are now learning more about real ancestry and it saddens me that we had to hide for so long.

We are the host culture of Hawaii, we live the values of aloha, kuleana, and we do it all for the keiki, the future of our continuity.

That I have to protect the land of Hawaii from the United States. That illegally occupy Hawaii. We need land for my 4 children to live on. For my siblings and for my parents. To make what was wronged to us by the United States and any investors that occupy illegally stolen land.

It means that you are interconnected with all. Our actions and way of life affect not only ourselves but the whole community. Just like the land which balances itself in a way to sustain and grow, so do we as Hawaiians. We take care of the land which takes care of us. Hawaiians realized their relationship with the outside world and how important balance is in all aspects of life. By balancing our emotions and thoughts in ourselves we can harmonize with our community in that same way. Interconnected, that is what being Hawaiian means to me.

Being Hawaiian means that you have Hawaiian ancestry. Not just because you live in the Hawaiian Islands. Whether or not you can 'ōlelo Hawai'i, or if you have a lot or just a drop, you are Hawaiian.

Having Hawaiian blood; being born from one or both parents having Hawaiian in their blood and passing that native Hawaiian blood onto their children so on so forth
It means a lot! It means to always have aloha for our 'Aina, for our people.
Being blood related to the first people who colonized the Hawaiian islands.
Me
As a Hawaiian I am most grateful for my 'ohana and the many traditions and values passed on and instilled in me. I cherish the kupuna who raised and educated me and who helped guide me on my path. Now, I have the kuleana to help guide my 'ohana and those significant in my life. At the very core of our existence we identify ourselves as Hawaiian.
I am a descendant of the original native people, the Kanaka of these islands, one who has the koko or bloodline.
Who I am
Hawaiian is a person born in the Hawaiian islands. I view this term differently from being Native Hawaiian. Native Hawaiian means your ethnicity or bloodline is Hawaiian.
Belonging to an ohana that believes in honesty, respect, humility, compassion for mankind and aloha for all who has the same virtues of our lives as kanaka maoli!
It is who I am.
Everything
Cherishing my culture and heritage
It means that you have kuleana (responsibilities) that you work towards or are already taking care of it. You will take care of the lands that you live on and those that took, and continue to take, care of you in return.
It means I have love & respect for myself & others, even though others may be racist against my race ie; colonizers, white privilege ect..
It means being proud of my identity. To share the aloha and kindness of a kanaka ma'oli. To take care of the land
my religion, my liveline, my ohana
To live with aloha for the land and all peoples. To understand the importance of aloha aina.
Being Hawaiian means that you are a Hawaiian National regardless of race, religion, etc., who is a patriot of the Hawaiian Kingdom.
Everything
Being Hawaiian is acknowledging that the bones and traditions of your ancestors are only found here in Hawaii nei and you must protect and respect them for future generations.
1)Being of Hawaiian ancestry 2) Embodying the spirit of aloha, aloha 'Aina, lōkahi, 'olu'olu, ha'aha'a, akahai.
Being physically and spiritually connected to the 'aina that birthed me, feeds me, inspires me and distinguishes me from all other people in the world.
Being a child of God and connected to the land. Ua mau kea Oka aina ika Pono o Hawaii

For me, being Hawaiian means that my allegiance & Aloha is for my country, Ko Hawai'i Pae 'Āina; and that I am NOT an American.
It means being a part of the community, land and animals in Hawai'i.
Having native Hawaiian ancestry
Tracing your lineage to pre-contact Hawaii
It is my heritage, my values, and my legacy to my heirs.
Beautiful Aloha
My initial thought is someone of Hawaiian ancestors. However living in Hawai'i we are a melting pot of ethnicities and see other ethnicities identify as Hawaiian as well not just because they've lived here their own lives but generations of their families have lived and embraced/respect Hawaiian culture in educating themselves of it and in some instances practicing it.
Being Kanaka Maoli and a Kingdom Subject, Means Everything, being Hawaiian, Means just a label or Tag, or something made up or owned, like Hawaiian Airlines!
One with the 'āina, from mauka to makai. Aloha 'Āina!
First people and younger sibling of these islands.
Proud to be part of this group
It means I cherish and protect my culture, 'āina, and kupuna
Belonging to a people group whose ancestors arrived and claimed first these islands in the archipelago now known as Hawaii. A people group deeply steeped in a rich culture touched by monarchy principles and sustainability if its food sources, aloha aina, family hierarchy and kapu traditions.
Heritage is through your bloodline
Right Now a state of Hawaii term to attach untruth to
It means the world to me, being raised by my grandparents on the Big Island helped me understand my Hawaiian Culture and how important it is.
Born here from generations of living here.
1. In whatever I do, where ever I am, at all times and in every way I remember I stand on the shoulders of my Kūpuna, who made the way for me. 2. Kapu Aloha is a new word for a very old concept to carry one's self in a way that is pono ALWAYS. It contains ALOHA `ĀINA (love of the land / Patriotism) simply and not so simply because the `āina is LITERALLY our `iwi kūpuna. 3. The taste of `ōlelo Hawai`i on my tounge is better than the best shave ice on the hottest day. To read letters to my mom that her mom wrote in Hawaiian is one of life's sweetest joys. 4. I wouldn't, couldnt, ever leave permanently. Hawai`i is the only place on earth I will ever live. Without that daily interaction with this place in my na`au, I am lost. 5. I will become the `āina for my mo`opuna a mau loa aku.

Being a kanaka maoli, protector of our kanaka: na kupuna to our Pepe; our honua: our family kuleana owned lands: maikai to mauka, cultural resources: heiau - wahi pana - sacred places over science, kahiko architecture - archaeology, fresh water, marine, mammal - domestic or otherwise, native bird, insect populations, traditional - customary values, Hawaiian religion, concept of sharing, malama aina, food sources, preserving, conserving what our ancestors left for us and future generations to perpetuate aloha - respect of others - our environment, our clean air - native plants to filter pollutants - chemicals, keeping our forests healthy - pristine - watersheds, food and medicinal plants, gathering rights, ability to physically - mentally be strong - healthy, be educated academically, stand for everything that is correct, truthful, honest and have integrity, making Hawaii nei a safe, peaceful, loving place for everyone, accentuating the importance of treating our na kupuna with utmost respect, care and love, teach others the "accurate" accounts of our history, activating our rightful kingdom status, end the homeless and drug epidemic problems - crime, stop the government (all levels) of corruption, theft, illegal behaviors to benefit the wealthy-greedy-powerful corporation influences, stop allowing -selling and/or giving our hard earned monies - taxes to others - nonprofits associated with the Federal government under the guise of preservation - conservation - non-development then sell it, building sewage treatment facilities near ancient historical sites or sources of endangered marine species birthing - resting costal areas due to the possibility of power outages that can trip malfunctions causing septic spillages causing severe food sources damages and cause bacterial health hazards....

understanding your history, your place

Being Hawaiian can mean many things to different people, to me it means having that Native Hawaiian blood. Individuals might have Native Hawaiian blood but not be in touch with their culture or language, but that doesn't invalidate being Hawaiian.

Hawa

I am Hawaiian because my ancestors are from Hawaii. I am a child of Hawaii and everyone before me. This is our homeland! This is where our family started at one point. I am not a full blooded Hawaiian but my values, lifestyle, and identity comes from being a Keiki O Ka Aina and a Child of Ke Akua.

Hawaiian is a nationality. Kanaka OIwi, Kanaka Maoli, Kupa aina, Koko Hawaii, Hawaii.. is what I am. Anyone who claims Hawaii as their country and nation is in fact a Hawaiian National. Me being koko but not born here cannot say that someone born and raised here, who embraces and practice hula, mele, olelo, mahiai, lawaia but without koko is not Hawaiian. Aole pono. I would move to say that they are more Hawaiian than I. I would be shame little bit but then I would get to work on knowing what it means to be more Hawaiian and practice being better.

Being a descendant of native hawaiians

Having respect and care for the Hawaiian culture and practicing along with seeking Hawaiian traditions.

Prationer of living culture, protocol, sovereignty and preservation of Ko pae sina hawaii

Being able to represent my heritage and culture unapologetic and proudly

You can be a Native Hawaiian or Kanaka Maoli only through bloodline but I believe there are many people that are not at all Native Hawaiian but they have Hawaiian in their heart.

Being Hawaiian is being diligent. If you asked me in high school what it meant to be Hawaiian, I wouldn't know what to say. But I have seen how the system and this government continues to neglect and disregard Native Hawaiians. My grandfather was beat and told by his mother not to speak Hawaiian language out of fear for his well-being. My grandfather to this day does not have a cultural identity, Hawaiian to him, meant shame. But I want the narrative to change and show him that he doesn't have to feel like that. Being Hawaiian is not just an act, it's a feeling you get in your na'au. Being Hawaiian is being able to stand strong, stand in faith, stand in peace and stand in aloha even though we have been neglected of our culture, resources and land.

Being born of Hawaiian blood means taking care of your ohana, your Aina with great love and respect. Being Hawaiian is a privilege. I am very proud of being Hawaiian.

Having Aloha and having knowledge/respect for Hawaiian culture

Having Native Hawaiian blood. Having ancestors who were Native Hawaiian, who were born and raised in Hawai'i

I am very proud to Be Hawaiian. Today it's a dying Race. Being Hawaiian's are not attracted to each other. Dat's Y no Moa full or even 25% Hawaiian..So in dat, being Hawaiian is special and one of da few to be more den 25% plus Hawaiian.

It means being willing to learn old customs, religious practices. It means to live within your means, and to care for others around you. It means not to force your beliefs or values on others, but to be open and attentive. It means to learn to speak olelo Hawai'i. It means to stop relying on the tourism industry and big businesses.

Being Hawaiian to me means I come from the piko of Aloha and I have an obligation to care for this land and it's people .

Mookuauhau to Papa and Wakea through Hāloa

Being of Hawaii. With ancestors who are of Hawaii. Living my culture with the values of my ancestors. Living and recognizing that the elements, the plants, the land, the things of the ocean are gods, are spirits, are my ohana and so I malama them and respect them as such.

Who I am. Connected to spirit, the elements, nature, pono, respect

The love of our land our mountains our oceans ..our music ..being connected to all of these elements ..

I am Hawaiian, I am a proud Hawaiian, we are people who take pride and give aloha! Hawaiian to me is, my culture, love for my land and home no matter where I live.

Having kanaka blood running through my veins.

Being of the land protecting the land and it's people

Having ancestors living in Hawaii before 1778

Perpetuating aloha 'aina wherever you are, ha'aha'a /humility, kokua, laulima, being a lover of learning, being my best self, knowing my ancestors and sharing the mo'okuauhau with my living family to give them a sense of identity and resilience, participating in educational forums to broaden people's understanding of who we are.

He ali'i ka 'āina He kauwā ke kanaka.

Hawaiian is a term used if you identify yourself as a Hawaii National.

It's in me it's everything around me all living and working together

Present day Hawaiians are descendants of some of the world's greatest sailors and explorers of their time - who dominated the Pacific Ocean and other waters as their backyard. Development of their mythology and legends are indications that their civilization was advanced for their time. The Kumulipo - their "creation" story rivals anything that even the "Western" world has produced. And their development of the principle of "Aloha" is noteworthy. They were expert in the science of "memory" (as they had no written language) - even having folks who could recite the entire Bible word for word from memory. They were awesome.

It means to carry the kuleana of our ancestors with dignity and humbleness. It means to protect and preserve Hawai'i for all the generations to come. It means to right the wrong done to our people.

Hawaiian is in part an ethnic heritage, or more literally the cultural identity of my ancestors. However, being Hawaiian also carries with it many belief, cultural practices and traditions which have impacted the way I live, treat people and my perspective on the world as a whole. It affects every part of who I am.

Being Hawaiian is a way of life. It is the way in which you perpetuate the culture, think, speak, etc. It is honoring Hawaiian values and holding yourself accountable to them

To fulfill our kuleana of protecting the land which everything comes from and returns to. To do everything out of aloha.

Embracing Aloha

Respect and take pride

living with the aloha spirit

Aloha 'āina love of people and place

It's means pride, as I'm proud to be Hawaiian and also a Kanaka Maoli. But it also means I have to ensure that I'm a steward of this land and also that Aloha is spread everyday.

It means you have Hawaiian (ethnic) ancestry.

People who got their lands stolen

To BELIEVE 100%

Its living with Aloha. Its apart of my identity as a human being. Its culture. Its family. Its proud to be Hawaiian!

Being a proud and humble person. Taking care of ohana and f'Āina. All Hawaiian values.

Being hawaiian to me means living aloha every day of my life, extending to my family near and far. My drawback being 3/4 hawaiian, is not being able to speak or thoroughly understand the language. I love all thing hawaiaa, clothing, music, food, etc.

Being proud of my heritafe & my ancestry. Being proud knowing that even tho our ancestors are jailed for their rights while often times the poe haole go free

Knowing that our ancestor who thoght us how to survive in life still manage to maintain their farms, their animals, their loi even tho many are on lands that are not able to grow their crops- we as a people find ways to be self sufficient and our works are not in vain- our ancestors were smart people. In farming- in medicins- in having great faith

Hawaiianis being able to speak ,ÄòOlelo Hawai,Äòì & teach others about the culture also dancing hula knowing you ancestry & etc.

Aloha ,ÄòfÅina. Hawaiian is a nationality rather than an ethnicity, meaning if someone was born in Ko Hawai,Äòi Pae ,ÄòfÅina, they are Hawaiian by nationality.

I am proud to be a Hawaiian. It's my race, nationality. It's someting we should be proud of. Also for who we are and who we become. Every race has the good and the bad. In my eyes everyone is the same.

Being hawaiian means to me is being able to show pride, believe in what I think is right and standing up in what I want.

Being Hawaiian means that you are descended from ancestors who can trace their roots in the islands before 1778

It means we are a indigenous people of the Hawaiian islands

A way of living through Aloha living/perpetuate the spirit of Aloha & take care of our home/lands/kupuna

Perpetuating Aloha lifestyle

I believe Hawaiians are people with really really huge hearts and always give with all of their heart. I know because my family on the Big Island (Kona side). My family is a very very big family and they fish out in the channel for 300 lbs yellow fin tuna and my Grandmother Rebecca Mahi,Äòai, she was a very good Lauhala maker and was one of the sisters of Hawaii. My family is all about family and togetherness, they hunt, fish, and grow taro and that's all they need.

Being a Hawaiian is much more than just one aspect. You have to live the culture as well as learn about it. The most prevalent would be the connection a Hawaiian has to the ,ÄòfÅina. The ,ÄòfÅina is out ancestor and our care taker and it is our kuleana to honor our ancestors our ancestors live on and are remembered through use as modern day Hawaiians. To truly understand what being a Hawaiian is about you really need to live it.

- To conduct yourself in a way that honors your kōpuna, your mōkua, your akua, your ʻĀina, your kai, and your mana.

How to be Hawaiian?

It means to actively put yourself into situations where you continue to learn about your culture and history. We do that work. We have a layer that we must constantly be aware of and operate under. There are unspoken societal expectations that we are beholden to in all that we do. But I also believe that being Hawaiian means that we have to face generation trauma, language loss and forces duality. Colonialism has taught us to hide many parts and ourselves. The "idea" of what it means to be Hawaiian is consistently shifting with each generation. How I see myself today will change with the group that comes after me. As of now I think being Hawaiian means that we deal with a type of fatigue because we as individuals are expected by others to represent our people as a whole when even within one Iʻāhui we are extremely diverse & not a monolith. Overall, being Hawaiian is a legacy. A legacy of choices, traditions, moʻolelo, oli, songs and standarship that build a web of interconnectivity that we are tasked with nurturing. This, to be Hawaiian is to have a kuleana, a responsibility to claim self that we can never ignore nor neglect. Ours is a heavy but bright birth right.

Eye like to not use native hawn; because eye feel more american. Hawaii America: they took our land; those Americans made us Hawaiians; they took our lands, our people. They desecrated our lands, and our people are suffering, cancer, diabetes, high blood pressure, etc.

Having the human rights to self-determinations and self-preservation to perpetuate my native language, spirituality, traditonal practices, and appropriate behavior that is consistent with our culture.

I am keiki o ka aina, a child of this land, this aina. Thus it is my kuleana to malama this land and the life force within it. I wasn't sure, as a child, who I was. My grandparents spoke Hawaiian, lived as cultural Hawaiians w/in a western construct, meaning w/in a setting that allowed them to transition into modernity while still feeling, acting, being culturall Hawaiian. They held regular jobs, like everyone else, but at home it was back to old ways. My grandma was Hawaiian. She was like the picture-book tutu. Awesome! Kind. Neat. Clean. Kept a great house and yard. Maintained cultural ways of cleansing our shared spaces via cermemony. My grandparents' generation was when it all changed and I was privileged to experievene the last of it. It's in my memory. Memories keep me connected when, generally speaking, the practices have mostly ceased to exist. But I am Hawaiian because the blood of my ancestors flows through my veins and I can never step away from the kuleana passed on to me through that lineage, even if I am not always clear about what that kuleana is. I carry it in my blood and my bones, but I struggle, sometimes, to know how to express what I feel has been legt me to do. Upshot? I try to malama everything and hope at least some of what I do is my kuleana and the rest is extra! That can't be bad.

Value of being Hawaiian is a gift that we received from our ohana, the rights that were not aware of until the movements of the younger Hawaiian generation of today are sharing... Our ohana of long ago was very quiet of being Hawaiian. But today its open of new knowledge of what & who we are today.

A proud people of Hawaiian ancestry. People who are fighting to thrive and become successful in this modern world. As Hawaiians trying to survive in Hawaii, it has been a struggle. Cost of living in Hawaii has put many Hawaiians in poverty. We were one of those Hawaiians struggling to get by. Only recently our family has taken steps to improve our lives and situations. There has been an identity crisis facing Hawaiians in the past and present. Being Hawaiian means having our family live healthy lives and educating our younger generation to be equipped to be successful, responsible and happy people.

ʻĀhāhā first. This is not limited to the English translation "family." ʻĀhāhā is about putting relationships first. Something that is significantly Hawaiian is our kuleana to reciprocity when it comes to ʻĀhāhā/relationships such relationships include family, community, land and much more.

Being Hawaiian, kānaka ʻōiwi o ka ʻĀina to me means being able to live, practice cultural heritage, celebrate our rich history, and pave a pathway for generations to come on our own home land.

ʻĀike and moʻomeheu is culturally grounded in our connection to the land, each other, and our kūpuna. Without Hawaii, ʻĀui, we cannot be Hawaiian.

Being Hawaiian is knowing your ancestry, knowing Hawaiian history. Respectively Hawaiian values like Aloha ʻĀina, Kuleana... willingness to learn Hawaiian practices.

Being Hawaiian is special to me. I feel lucky to have made it into this world. Looking back in history and learning of deaths caused by illness and war to the Hawaiian people I am thankful that my ancestors survived and I was created to be a part of this world. I see how unique my culture is and how rich in pride and honor we are. I love the way of life and the values that we have. I'm proud to be able to go back generations and tell stories of how many stories of how many family was craftsmen and builders, farmers and fishermen. I love Hawaiian culture, the Hawaiian people and how strong and fearless we are.

I feel the term "Hawaiian" refers to ALL (regardless) ancestry, race, creed, etc) who occupy Hawaii, ʻĀi and brings VALUE to the islands. We all have a kuleana to care for our home, because we choose to call it home. Hawaiian means to share ALOHA with all and be a good representative of our community and land. Responsibilities to our kupa and opio is what we should uphold! Aloha ke kahi i ke kahi!!

Being Hawaiian...Lives inside me, in my bones, my blood, everything in my being. Being Hawaiian allows me an identity to my ancestors who live on everyday of my life.

Being Hawaiian gives me pride, and strength what I wear inside/out everyday

Being Hawaiian allows me connection to everything that surrounds me from my foundation to the heavens

Hawaiian means a language. Keep from us because of their beliefs is fear in keep the ʻĀo, ʻĀlelo alive. As humans we live land connect with all creation.

Living and perpetuating Hawaiian values and practices. Striving for the continuance of our people and ʻĀina.

Culture, Aloha, Kapu Aloha, Ohana

To me being Hawaiian is to Aloha, Malama, and ki,Äòai everything Hawaiian!!!

1. ALOHA
2. MALAMA
3. Ki,Äòai

You are born wit kuleana. Kuleana to ,ÄòfÄina, ,Äòohana and the lfÄhui. All of the above are crucial to my well being. Being kanaka means I must maintain a connection to my ancestors and to live in such a way that will benefit the next generation.

We are the first people of this fÄina.
We are te mountains, the ocean, the air, the land.
We are the people of aloha.
We are descendents of the Polynesian people.
We were fisherman, farmers, hunters, warriors.
We believe in kapu aloha.
We malama each other.
We malama our ohana.
We malama our ,Äòaina.

To be Hawaiian means to KinfÄ,Äòole. To do the right ting for the right reasons, every time. To be pono and humble no matter the situation. Being the better person isn't always easy and being Hawaiian, our mana and pride being very strong can sometimes cloud our better judgement. But if we trust Kapu Aloha then we know that no matter what is going on or what happens, as long as we love our people and spread Aloha Always, we will always be ok.

Learn & honor my ancestors practices & their ,Äòike. Pass on what I know of my ancestors. Know that I come from a line of Native Hawaiians. Be proud of my Hawaiian culture, learn ,Äòçlelo Hawai,Äòi so that I can read & learn of the ancient ones.

I'm proud to be Hawaiian

Practice of Hawaiian values & culture

Being a descendant of keaualiu/kauaua ohana. Both hawaing ties back to the beginning of time. Acknowledging all of natures elements as family.

Being Hawaiian means being for the lfÄhui; Willing to put your life on the line for Hawai,Äòi. As a PROUD Kanaka, I believe being Hawaiian means carrying yourself in pono manner.

I was born and raised in the Hawaiian culture. For me, being a Hawaiian means living my life in the ways that my kç'puna have thought me to be. Hawaiian is more then an ethnicity. It is an identity, nationality, way of life and encompasses the way we interact with each other.

To me its love, aloha

Born in Hawai,Äòì & Hawaiian Blood
Born & Raise Hawaiian Blood
To be of hawaiian koko & hawaiian also means love to me. To love my La Hui & support what will progress ALL Hawaiians as 1 Kingdom.
Means the spirit of ALOHA or of LOVE, because without LOVE or ALOHA we are nothing!! I am Kanaka Mau a Mau!!
Being Hawaiian to me gives me the opportunity to share Mana,Äòò with my keiki and others who want to know about our culture. As it was passed down to us for centuries
Being connected to the land and people
Hawaiian to me is love, caring for people and land, sharing, taking care, helping and so much more... It's about just doing whats pono
To reside on Kuleana lands where my ancestors hailed where waters dlow freely w/out any encu,brances To access resources from mauka to makai without restrictions day or night. The water should be free/ The lands should not be taxed and will hold animals and plants that will sustain life. The community will be from complaints of animal noise or natural odors emitted or laughter & music that our people share in celebration. Being a FREED HAWAIIAN means the government will not oppress. Suppress, dominate or continue to steal lands of the HAWAIIAN KINGDOM. Being a FREED HAWAIIAN means the Dept. of Hawaiian Homeleands Comissimer shall be elected by the people and periodically assessed if he/she is conducting business according to the people's desires/needs
The responsiblity to the Ohana, our ancestors, and the Aina...ALL our kuleana
Being Hawaiian to me is like getting ahead in life without stepping on anybody's toe's
Hawaiian means that we are from this ,ÄòfÄina. Born with the koko. We are everything that represents the ,ÄòfÄina the aire we breathe, the ocean.
Born Hawaiian Practicing culture
Being Kanaka Maoli is Everything to me but I didnt learn hawaiian language cause wen I was growing up they use to tease us about being hawaiian that why I fought alot in My childhood and during that time My dad was in that movement with bumpy kanahale he was married to bumpys sister amy kanahale so I bin to the capitol to fight for wats ours but after bumpy got wat he got he got his people up there that occupied the ihepoo/makapuu beach and that was we need for all us kanaka a peace of our aina back so we can live off our aina like the old days and dont need to much stores but being kanaka is the best thing about me I love my aina I love My Kanaka Maoli, I think our Race is one of a king like all the races But ours I love da most Malama aina Malama pono I believe If we had our aina back we would do good with it get and is opala off our aina
Being connected to the land of Hawai,Äòì. Perpetuating ours cultures (mele, hula, lawai,Äòà, mahi,Äòai, etc.)
Kapu Aloha

I get to find out more about my ancestors and what line douse my last name come from.
Means alot to the culture keiki, future
To me being Hawaiian means that no matter what life throw at you, if you have family with you no matter the race and culture all that matters is you have the key work Aloha and that will to me be the definition of Being Hawaiian
1 nation 1 ohana
Hawaiian means to me is, learning how to survive using what's around you, and being together as one.
Embracing and Knowledge & practice of Hawaiian values traditional and modern. Ancestral roots prior to Captian Cooks arrived.
To be Hawaiian is my birth right. It is the blood, DNA, and cells in my body. It is what makes my spirit and intuition connect. To be Hawaiian is a blessing, and a priveledge!
I love my culture, my people and what it means to be Hawaiian. I believe Hawaiians are Ke Akua's special people. Thats why we need to Be Kind and loving to one another God, Family, Love, Culture is very important. Aloha E Ke Kahi I Kekahi
Being keikio ca aina knowing family ties to people & ancestral lands
Being a Native Hawaiian mean that have a right to vote in the OHA election. Register for Hawaiian Homestead land. My children have academic benefit for their education, schooling.
Its being a part of a race that has been through a lot and needs to find its way back to culture
to show a greater understanding of the ʻāina and kahakai
I am a strong independent women raised by a loving, caring Ohana. I am a Hawaiian
Speaking the language and knowing the hardships and history of the ʻāina
To alway carry yourself with aloha and take pride in everything you do.
To me being Hawaiian means you have respect for your elders. - Take care of your 'ohana. - establish a connection between land, self and Akua. - Spiritual connection to land.
to me being Hawaiian means practicing our traditional practices like hula, chanting oli's, learning our language and learning our old ways, that were taught by our ancestors
Personallu, I believe it means to perpetuate what was once taken away from us.
Being Hawaiian means being apart of a nationality of great and smart/intellegent ansetry and apart of a culture of farmers, fisherman and great warriors. I am a proud Hawaiian.
Having a connection to your kēpunas & having that connection to the land. Having a hawaiian ancestral background
Keeping the culture alive.
Of Hawaiian decent

- First + foremost, being of Hawaiian blood + ancestry. -Holding myself to the best + highest standards that have been instilled in me growing up in Hawai ʻi + as a Hawaiian. - Doing my part to perpetuate the Hawaiian cultural practices/ languages/ beliefs as a mahalo to my ancestors, as a responsibility passed down by them, + as an advocate for our keiki's future
Being Hawaiian means connecting with culture, the land, and with healthy land and history.
coming from a strong heritage filled with mana and love.
To me being Hawaiian means to live righteously, and love and respect everyone and everything. I also think being Hawaiian means having a responsibility to take care of our land, keiki, and kupuna. Being hawaiian means we all have to live in harmony with one another
I was not taught as a young girl.
Aloha! The Hawaiian way is the Aloha way. When you live with Aloha and share the Aloha it makes the world a better place to live in.
Connected to the Aina that is how it feels to be Hawaiian. I ʻm able to understand my ancestors and how much they give us to become the next generation of Hawaii. I ʻve feel motivated and become determine to do anything to save and protect my home, belief and Ohana.
1) Accountability to mo ʻoku ʻauhau- past and future 2)(lineal) Connection to lands of Hawaii-mfĀlama ʻaina/ Aloha ʻĀina 3) Pursuit of kuleana culture is a means to all ends 4) Identity based on piko- people/place/practice
everything. I am you. you are me we are one another.
Born to someone of Native Hawaiian ancestry- Koko
Identify with Hawaiian as a culture of dance, stories & legacy. Ypu are not hawaiian if you just live here. I come from a race of people that journeyed here. We are aboriginal, not indigenous.
Being Hawaiian to me is being pono and always using Aloha.
being Hawaiian means to Carry on our ancestry by living the Hawaiian values. To aloha ʻĀina, pass down knowledge, and take care of one another. It is being of blood, but also being Hawaiian goes past that--about a certain way of life.
It means that I need to help my fellow Hawaiians succeed. Many times, we as a people are forgotten. But, slowly we (Hawaiians) are making it known that we are here and will succeed.
Hawaiian means to me as spreading Kapu Aloha 24/7
Hawaiian means being proud & honoring my culture & the people that came before me. It means telling stories of the past & passing traditions & practices onto the future generations. it means speaking the langugae & taking care of the land.
I am of an aboriginal group of people who, in history, had their own unique society in the world. Their own culture, language, religion, hierarchy, value system, and more. I am more very proud of my Hawaiian heritage and the rich history of our people
Be a Hawaiian man Living on Hawaiian land. Being an example of a successful provider and teacher of Hawaiian Values.
to live rightiously, connection to land sig* sea family past present future roots, updated about the positive and negative affects that political decisions affect our communities & people & places, passing on out knowledge to our children, wanting to learn from our elders, waking up to our culture

responsibility to the environment. the culture and to those that came before me. Giving back to my parents, grandparents and kupuna
Hawaiian is away of living
Aloha AinfÅ
Hau ³oli Aloha
Being Hawaiian is more than just having "hawaiian" blood. it ³s about understanding the values, history, and culture of the Hawaiian people. Working in a community and understanding we are all a part of a bigger community. For me, being Hawaiian is being able to respect the culture and its value even if I don ³t personally believe in them.
Being Special
Koko Hawaii-descendant of Indigenous people of Hawaii
Hawaiian mean loving and giving
It is my great honor that I can be the Haw'n + an american at the same time. May God bless us to live together in unison of hearts, mind + spirit! Aloha + God bless us all!
Direct Descendant of the Hawaiian Kingdom!!
To Be strong
Being humble and strong in every thing you do.
Being Hawaiian means to me is to be strong, make your own traditions, keep the old traditions alive, to carry on your families name, etc... "To show love."
my entire life
We are unique in all things, by how we are raised in our homes. Teachings of respect to our kupunas families, friends and people in general. How we care for our time and everything in general.
Leaving in an other Country/An given a SSN to be called an American
It is all that I am!
It depends if you're asking me if I have Hawaiian blood, yes. If you're asking me if I consider ppl. that do not have Hawaiian blood, yes I do. I believe being Hawaiian is also a way of life.
a connection to all being and the land for without co-existance we came from the land so shall we return.
Way of life, Ohana.
YOU MUST HAVE HAWAIIAN BLOOD OR HAVE THE KOKO, IN ORDER TO CONSIDER YOURSELF KANAKA MAOLI.
It is my nationality from the Hawaiian Kingdom.
ALOHA
Being the embodiment of "Aloha" spiritually, physically, mentally, all balanced to manifest "Aloha".
It is who I AM, How I Live and act.

Hawaiian is who I am. it is my lifestyle & bloodline.
Sharing ALOHA with self, family and the World with God (Akuas ʻā) help and guidance.
Family + Aloha Always !
It's very important to be of Hawaiian Ancestry- the language is the most beautiful and spoken with grace and ALOHA! I come from a humble and gracious Hawaiian family in Molokai and Oahu and very proud of my lineage.
I am of Third generation of Both: (1) John Whitney Kaululau SR. and Mary Kalawe last name. and William K. Kekoa and Emma Leialoha Kekoa Wright (grandparents) (2) Parents: Lloyd Conkliu Wright SR and Emma Kuuleilani (kekoa) Wright *(3) Me: Emma Lei momi Wright (4) Son: Lionel Kanila Wright
I am very proud of my Hawaiian ancestry. We are a special people. No matter where I am in this world when I am asked where I am from my response is always Hawaii. I don't identify myself as American because I am, more proud of being Hawaiian than American. Right now I am embarrassed to say I am American because we have a disgusting person as a president Hopefully he is impeached him and his ironies and his family are gone forever.
Being Hawaiian means to me that I am of Connection to this land.
NOT TO MUCH TODAY US HAWAIIANS DONT HAVE NO SAY ANYMORE
A lost race finding its way back
Having hawaiian ethnicity. Knowing and understanding Hawaiian values like pono, lokahi, onipa ʻā etc. Incorporating some culture into lifestyle knowing. history and hawaiian practices ancient Hawaii to present day. Learning the language (though not fluent) and embracing how the next generations of Ifāhui are rising to stand up for their culture and fallen Hawaiians.
To share the spirit being Hawaiian which you learn from your kupuna
I dont need to be, I am. Ma kfiia kino nei, o nā kanaka maoli ku ʻāu iwi ma ka uhane kekahi ʻāo haumea - ka nehe o Haumea hanu ola. Ko ʻāu iwi. He Hawaii ʻāi au a ʻāʻālelo a ho ʻāoho ʻāo i ko ʻāu ʻāʻālelo. He Hawaii ʻāi au ai ke au i nā loina o ku ʻāu Ifāhui. He pilina o ʻāu me ka ʻāfāina. He pilina o ʻāu me nā kanaka. A he pilina o ʻāu ia ʻāu iho ma loko i ke kapu aloha. ʻāO ke aloha he hehe o ka ʻāoiai ʻāo a me ʻāo ka na ʻāauao. ʻāO ka nehe o ke aloha he ao. ʻāO kfiia ka pane o kfiia nā nau a me ka nā nau ma hope o kfiia
Being hawaiian means sharing aloha, living life with aloha and learning and teaching our culture
Being hawaiian means taking care of the aina and malama everyone but it also means fighting for what's right and keeping the history and language of our ancestors alive and just being in a place where everyone is living with aloha is amazing.
Being Hawaiian to me basically means being kapu aloha. It means that you as a "hawaiian" owes it to your self to know your family history and ways of life.
Being Hawaiian is more than a race, it is a way of life. As Hawaiian we have the responsibility to take care of the land.
It's an indenty to whom I am.

Being a hawaiian means aloha for everything around us. Having aloha for all that is around us means we respect and care for those things because we depend on it for Sustainability and Survival.

Being Hawaiian means knowing who I come from, where I come from, what I care for and preserving and perpetuating our culture and traditions. My kuleana is to know who I am of this 'fÅina and to mfÅlama/aloha 'fÅina-and to teach our keiki to find their voice to do the same.

To me being HAWAIIAN means that ALOHA is spread all over, our land stays our land, we finally get our islands back and we live in peace

It means I have certain rights and responsibilities to the aina. Speaking the language without fear & learning our culture protocols and kuleana

Proud to be part of this land, culture, language to show my kids the same as I was taught. To respect the aina

Being Hawaiian to me is being able to walk to path of my ancestors adn practice my culture of being kanaka.

Hawaiian is like the same thing to another race as much as it is to other race

Aboriginal-native to the aina

Everything!

BEING HAWAIIAN MEANS WE ARE OF ONE OHANA AND CULTURE

To be connected to the 'fÅina

Ownership-to be recognized!!

Aloha

It means a cultural of Hawaii. We have a system that are put in place to make are cultural susantain.

A closer connection to the 'aina than others may have. Personally, our 'ohana is not very connected or practicioner of Hawaiian culture. So while we are very proud to be Hawaiian, there is a sense of sadness because we don't have that cultural connection

To be recognized as Hawaiian

Hawaiian to me means living in Aloha, perpetuating the culture, practicing the Hawaiian values - mfÅlama, laulima, kuleana, 'olu'olu, etc.

IT MEANS A LOT.

KULEANA I KA AINA

It's a lifestyle. It's honorable.

I am a rare breed. Being Hawaiian is a priviledge because we are raised to have love and respect as well as the traditions that embrace love for all.

LIVING THE CULTURAL TEACHINGS OF OUR (HAWAIIAN) NATION. PASSED DOWN FROM ANCESTORS BEFORE OUR TIME (Modern day)

LIVING IN KAPU ALOHA IN EVERY THING I DO. ALOHA AINA EVERYWHERE I GO.

BEING ABLE LEARN MORE ABOUT my Culture & Language My generation was only taught only the Western or American Life style

MY OHANA DA AINA DA OCEAN DA MOUNTAIN DA PEOPLE THAT COMES TO VISIT OUR ISLANDS

Being Hawaiian means to me that I am a child of this aina and am truly blessed to live in a wonderful place in the middle of the pacific

In my opinion, being Hawaiian is not just driving a lifted Toyota, going to Kamehameha, and wearing lolo aloha 'fÅina. To me, being Hawaiian is perpetuating culture, aloha 'fÅina, and understanding the -ike ku'una, knowing your place, and your kupuna. Being hawaiian is showing up and sticking with your IfÅhui, like attending IfÅhui events, such as: hula performances, unity marches, and helping. Being Hawaiian is being open minded, and steadfast. Being Hawaiian is h≈ç'ihi aloha, lanena k≈'pono, na'au hamama, and being strong for future generations.

Hawaiian to me is being connected w/ our 'aina. Hawaiian is protecting what is not suppose to be messed with. Being Hawaiian is taking care of our kupuna, keiki, 'ohana, IfÅhui.

Everything! He mea nui no ho'i

Hawaiian to me means Ohana, unity, lokahi. It means that I am not alone because we stand as one and we stand strong against ALL who illegally occupy our WfÅkea!

People w/ Hawaiian blood, people who can trace their lineage w/ someone who is 100% pure Hawaiian blood.

He Hawai'i au. I am a very proud Hawaiian who values the lessons and wisdom of my kupuna. Sadly, I grew up in a time when being Hawaiian was learning from history textbooks (written by po'e haole) that the Hawaiians were "savages." I was made to feel "less" than other people in Hawaii. If not for my anake, who brought me up in hula and shared her wisdom with me, I would've always felt lost in this world of ours. It was not until I went back to college as a "mature adult" did I realize how smart we are as a people. I have always my children to Kaulia i Ka nu'u and to Ho'omau i na kupuna. Being Hawaiian means that we most onipa'a and today I feel so proud to be a po'e Hawaii!

Born with Hawaiian rights, honor, intelligence to progress to higher and betterment with self direction. Taught and groomed to respect and be respected, to love and be loved. Learning in my responsibility to gain knowledge and to share the knowledge gained and learned. Always seeking out higher knowledge.

I believe we belong to very special race of people. We were with the gift of Aloha. We love to show we care for our fellow being regardless of who they are. We're native to this land, a land thats filled wiht beaiful because we're willing to share w/ everyone. Today we're facing a renewal, we're coming together as one for the first time in History to take our ___ care of our ___ which have been used, and abused. No more. We are Kia'i of all things ___ with ___ as new _____. K≈'e Kia'i Mauna, E≈ç!

Mostly being Hawaian meant feeling LOST, CONFLICTED, AND CONFUSED. Heeding the call to protect aina especially MaunaKea movement has spurred clarity! As a Hawaiian who has experienced being Hawaiian from parents that were inculcated but had Hawaiian speaking parent + grandparents, saw the Hawaiian Renaissance, Hawaiian Apology, and now-Hawaiian Revolution-Being Hawaiian is a struggle to be PONO + every evolving...

It's knowign your constitutional rights and gaining knowledge about your geneology or history of Ohana. How it may tie you back to "Kamehameha" Days, knowing our people. The way's we live, be practiced in everyday living. Respecting where you come from and the future of Hawaiian or Kanaka people.