



Theme One: A Sense of Place

Sustainable Living is Rooted in a Deep Knowledge of Place and Self.

Theme One explores our connections to place. Each school in Hawai‘i is nestled in a unique place with its own individual history, culture, community, geography, stories, and ecosystem. Each place has a different climatic zone that includes various soil types, plants and trees, insects and animals, rainfall and wind patterns. Our relationship to and knowledge of place is the foundation of our relationships with our environment, our community, and ourselves. Our ability to live sustainably on a small isolated island in the middle of the Pacific is inexorably linked to our knowledge of place. Place is the unique starting point to explore and discover our connections with language and writing, storytelling, science and social studies, and Hawaiian studies.

Who are we? Where do we live? How did we get here? Where are we going?