

# Cultures with Connections

## Grade 4

Nineteenth century New Bedford whalers established cultural and economic ties with people in the ports of Hawaii and Alaska. Native Hawaiians supplied food and additional crew to whaling vessels. The Iñupiat people of northern Alaska taught whalers new ways to hunt and survive the harsh winters. Experiential activities reinforce the common thread of history that connects these three regions of the United States.

### Learning standards will be met as students:

- Identify the differences in the climate, physical characteristics and major natural resources of New Bedford, Hawaii and northern Alaska
- Use maps to locate regions in the United States
- Recognize the diverse nature of the American people
- Investigate objects to understand cultural traditions, ceremonies and celebrations
- Interpret native Hawaiian and Alaskan stories

ALL PROGRAMS CORRESPOND TO THE MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION CURRICULUM FRAMEWORKS.

### Suggested Pre-Visit Activities

- Identify the location of New Bedford, Hawai'i, Alaska, the Atlantic Ocean, the Pacific Ocean and the Arctic Ocean. Maps can be found at <http://www.nationalgeographic.com/resources/ngo/maps/>.
- Use the template at [www.whalingmuseum.org/education](http://www.whalingmuseum.org/education) to have students make their own nametag.

### Suggested Post-Visit Activities

- Compare and contrast the climate, topography, types of vegetation and natural resources found in Massachusetts, Hawai'i, and the North Slope of Alaska.  
Go to [www.whalingmuseum.org/education](http://www.whalingmuseum.org/education) Pre & Post Activities: Grades 4-12 for a graphic organizer.
- Discuss the importance of oral histories in Native cultures. Have students identify stories that they have heard family members tell. Students can then interview family members, record the details of one story and share it with the class.
- Have students write a thank you note to the docents (museum volunteers) using at least one new vocabulary word they learned during their visit to the Museum.



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# Compare / Contrast

	Massachusetts	Hawaii'i	Alaska
<b>Attributes</b>			
<b>Climate</b>			
<b>Topography</b> (MOUNTAINS, TUNDRA, ETC.)			
<b>Vegetation</b>			
<b>TREES</b>			
<b>PLANTS</b>			
<b>FRUIT</b>			
<b>Natural Resources</b>			