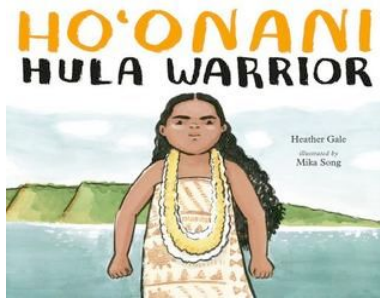


Activity Plan



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Ho'onani: Hula Warrior
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Synopsis : Ho'onani feels in-between. She doesn't see herself as *wahine* (girl) OR *kane* (boy). She's happy to be in the middle. But not everyone sees it that way. When Ho'onani finds out that there will be a school performance of a traditional kane hula chant, she wants to be part of it. But can a girl really lead the all-male troupe? Ho'onani has to try... Based on a true story, *Ho'onani: Hula Warrior* is a celebration of Hawaiian culture and an empowering story of a girl who learns to lead and learns to accept who she really is--and in doing so, gains the respect of all those around her.

Activity :

1. Why Ho'onani's sister feels annoyed and ashamed of her sister? Have you ever experienced negative comments because you didn't fit gender stereotypes?
2. Ask the students if they would like to see the real performance of Ho'onani and the boys. Tell them that this book is based on a real story and show them this short documentary:
 - a. [A Place in the Middle](#)
 - b. What does this video inspire you?
3. Think about the Seven Sacred Teachings and review them with students. Then, ask the following questions:
 - a. Which Teachings did Ho'oani put into practice?
 - b. What is the equivalent of being in the middle (*mahu*) in the Mi'gmaq culture? *Introduce the concept of Two Spirits if it is new to students.* Have you ever met someone with this gender identity?