

Surf Soup TV: Chasing Waves at Teahupo'o-Chopes: Surfing Adventures Olympian Dreams and Tahiti Surf Competition Guide

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Reader Guide

1. Introduction to Surfing

What is Surfing?

A sport of riding waves on a board, originally practiced by Polynesians.

History of Surfing

Surfing has ancient roots in Polynesian culture, with modern surfing popularized in Hawaii.

2. Teahupo'o: The Legendary Wave

Location:

Teahupo'o is located on the southwest coast of Tahiti in French Polynesia.

Famous Waves

Known for some of the heaviest waves in the world, making it a favorite for experienced surfers.

Surf Competitions

Site for major competitions like the Billabong Pro Tahiti.

3. Surfing and the Olympics

History of Surfing in the Olympics

Surfing made its Olympic debut in the 2020 Tokyo Games.

Surfing Events

Includes both men's and women's shortboard competitions.

How Surfers Qualify

Qualification through World Surf League (WSL) events and other sanctioned competitions.

4. Meet the Characters

Koa

A young surfer with big dreams, determined to compete in the Olympics.

Auntie Donna

Koa's supportive aunt and surf mentor, helping him navigate his challenges.

Local Surfers

Mentors who guide Koa in understanding the true essence of surfing.

5. Key Themes and Lessons

Courage and Perseverance

Koa's journey highlights the importance of facing fears and persisting through difficulties.

Teamwork and Resilience

The value of working together and bouncing back from setbacks.

Cultural Appreciation

Learning and respecting the rich culture of Tahiti and the history of surfing.

6. Educational Exploration

Geography of Tahiti

Explore the beautiful landscapes, from beaches to lush interiors.

Cultural Insights

Understand the local customs, traditions, and the significance of surfing in Polynesian culture.

Surfing Techniques

Basics of surfing techniques, safety tips, and the importance of respecting the ocean.

7. Inspiring Stories of Surfers

Famous Surfers

Profiles of legendary surfers who have left a mark on the sport. Research with your teacher and/or parent

Olympic Surfers

Stories of surfers who have competed in the Olympics and their journeys.

8. Activities and Discussion Questions

Activities

Draw your favorite scene from Koa's adventures.

Create a mini-guide on surfing safety.

Write a short story about your own surfing adventure.

Discussion Questions

What qualities make Koa a great surfer and competitor?

How do Koa's experiences teach us about handling challenges in our own lives?

What did you learn about Tahiti and its culture from the book?

9. Glossary of Surfing Terms

Barrel

The hollow part of a wave where the surfer rides inside.

Break

The point where a wave begins to break, turning into a surfable wave.

Lineup

The area in the water where surfers wait for waves.

For more surfing terms and jokes visit: [https://
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