

“Oceania” refers collectively to all of the many _____ in the Southern part of the _____ Ocean. This covers a huge area of the world, so some geographers divide Oceania up into four different _____ :Micronesia, Melanesia, Polynesia, and Australia/New Zealand.

Regions Pacific Islands

One of the most special things about the people who lived in Oceania is that they were very skilled _____. Even in ancient times, people living in this part of the world were developing amazing _____ technology and developing _____ of how to navigate the massive open ocean using no _____, only a careful reading of the currents and the _____. The boats of Oceanic people were equipped to go long distances, storing supplies under decks and carrying many people on deck. Far back in the ancient time period, people from Taiwan began to move through the Philippines. By the Classical period, they were moving into islands near _____. By the Middle Ages, they were moving onto islands throughout the region of _____, eventually making it to _____ (today an American state), far out in the middle of the Pacific Ocean. These journeys awe historians because they covered incredible _____ over open ocean and had no landmarks to guide them-only impressive ancestral knowledge. We know about the long distance voyages and spread of Oceanic peoples through _____ histories, _____ finds, and other evidence. Scientists have studied people living throughout Oceania and found _____ evidence that they share the same ancestry. Linguists studying the _____ of Oceanic peoples have found that they belong to a common language _____, much like Latin-based _____ languages.

distances family Australia stars genetic Polynesia knowledge
navigators Hawaii languages archaeological shipbuilding
instruments Romance oral

Oceanic people are not all the same! But, there are some commonalities across oceanic cultures, like religions that are animistic and/or _____ a tradition of the art form of _____, and similar cultural traditions which use dances like the _____ to tell stories and the *haaka* to celebrate important events or intimidate enemies. There are also similar _____ traditions among different Oceanic cultures. *Moana* is not a strong factual source, but it does celebrate Oceanic cultures. *Moana* comes from a _____ Oceanic culture that combines _____ from the culture of Hawaiians, Fijians, Samoans, etc. One of the most historically instructive parts of *Moana* is its attention to detail in recreating the boats and navigation methods of Oceanic _____.

Elements tattooing voyagers polytheistic culinary hula fictional

