

Writings on 19th Century Pohnpei

COURSE OBJECTIVES

General Objectives:

To improve student's awareness of contemporary Pohnpei by studying writing about the Early Contact Period. To study writing by prominent non-fiction authors who wrote about 19th Century Pohnpei. To increase students vocabulary and English comprehension skills.

Specific Objectives:

- Students will increase their vocabularies and comprehension skills.
- Students will study styles and basic elements of non-fiction English prose of the 19th Century.
- Students will read, study, and analyze selections by noted authors of nonfiction about Pohnpei.
- Students will demonstrate an understanding of the cultural context of 19th Century Pohnpei as illustrated in writing.
- Students will learn to differentiate between fact and fiction in 19th Century prose writing.
- Students will demonstrate increased understanding of the ProtestantCatholic conflict on Pohnpei as illustrated by prominent authors.
- Students will demonstrate a knowledge of relevant biographical data about authors, characters, and historical figures depicted in the writing.

COURSE CONTENTS

The course provides an introduction to prose written during and about 19th century Pohnpei. The course materials consist of diverse readings concerning the Early Contact Period in Pohnpei. Non-fiction elements such as connection of ideas and theme, logic, vocabulary, and grammar will be considered. Fiction elements such as characterization, setting, and figurative language will also be considered.

REQUIRED MATERIALS

Ashby, Gene. A Pohnpeian Odyssey (Wandering Through Writing about Pohnpei in the 19th Century). College of Micronesia - FSM: Pohnpei, FSM 1999.

Supplemental Materials:

Ashby, Gene. Pohnpei: An Island Argosy (2nd Edition) Rainy Day Press: Eugene, Oregon, 1993.

Bernart, Luelen. The Book of Luelen. University of Hawaii Press: Honolulu, 1977.

Christian, F. W. The Caroline Islands: Travel in the Sea of Little Lands. Frank Cass and Company Ltd. London, 1967.

Hanlon, David. Upon a Stone Altar: A History of the island of Pohnpei to 1890. University of Hawaii Press: Honolulu, 1988.

Hezel, Francis X. The Catholic Church in Micronesia. Historical Essays of the Catholic Church in the Caroline and Marshall Islands. Loyola University Press: Chicago, 1991.

Hezel, Francis X. The First Taint of Civilization: A History of the Caroline and Marshall Islands in the Pre-Colonial Days. University of Hawaii Press: Honolulu, 1993.

O'Connell, James F. A Residence of Eleven Years in New Holland and the Caroline Islands Saul H. Risenberg (ed.) Australian National University Press: Canberra, 1992.

Poyer, Lin. The Ngatik Massacre: History and Identity on a Micronesian Atoll. Smithsonian Institution Press: Washington DC, 1993.

METHOD OF INSTRUCTION

Lecture, discussion, in-class activities, assignments, quizzes, and projects.

EVALUATION

Students will be graded A,B,C,D or F based on homework, essays, in-class participation and other projects.

ATTENDANCE

COM-FSM attendance policies will be followed.