# EATING LOCAL: MY KOSRAEAN/MARSHALLESE PLATE

Grade 3 / Essential Questions: Where does our food come from?

#### **LEARNING GOALS**

By the end of the lesson, students will be able to:

- Identify foods that are grown locally
- Explain where common imported foods come from
- Conduct an informal interview
- Make informed predictions
- Create a diagrams to organize information, including an infographic and a Venn diagram

Approximate Length of Unit: 3-4 sessions

Approximate Number of Minutes Daily: 45 minutes

#### **SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENT**

Students will write a letter to their grandchildren, recalling information gathered from their interview and with predictions about the future of food in Kosrae / the Marshall Islands

#### FORMATIVE ASSESSMENT TOOLS

- Venn diagram
- Student-created infographics
- Interview notes
- Student responses in discussions

#### **FOCUSED LANGUAGE FEATURES**

Language Functions	Examples	Vocabulary
<b>Explain</b> a concept (e.g., where foods come from)	We can buy in the grocery store.	
State measurement	traveled miles from to Kosrae.	
Summarize key points, observation, and measurement	My family had a when my parents were young.	

	traveled the most to reach the Marshall Islands.
Make a prediction (e.g., about	In the future, we will not be
the future of food in a letter to	able to buy
their grandchildren)	

#### SEQUENCE

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Activating Prior Knowledge:	Day 1	On the board or chart paper, draw out a plate divided into sections = vegetables, grains, fruits, dairy, protein
What Do We Eat?		<ul><li>Use "My Hawaii Plate" infographic as inspiration</li><li>Explain or give examples of each category to class</li></ul>
		Ask students to list 2-5 examples of each type of food
		<ul> <li>Students can either call out or come up to the infographic to write a the list in each section of the plate</li> <li>Can be done in local language and English</li> </ul>
		Discussion: Ask students to think about what they know about where foods come from.
		<ul><li>Which is my favorite food?</li><li>Which of these foods can we buy at a grocery store?</li><li>Which of these foods can be grown here?</li></ul>
Venn Diagram: Garden, Farm, or Store?	Day 1	Students can work independently or in pairs to create a <u>Venn diagram = Garden or Farm versus Grocery Store</u>
		<ul> <li>Which of the examples given during the Activating Prior Knowledge activity come from a house garden? A farm? A grocery store?</li> </ul>
		Students can share their diagrams with the class or do a gallery walk
		Ask students to look at the diagrams and observe: Where do most of our foods come from?
Homework	After Day 1	Ask each student to bring 1-2 food wrappers to class that have a "place of origin" (e.g., "made in," "packaged in")
Food Mapping +	Day 2	Find our food on a map
My Local Plate Infographic		<ul> <li>Ask each student to identify the places of origin of their food wrappers</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>Using a world map, find and label Kosrae and each place of origin (with location and foods)</li> </ul>
		How far did our food travel?
		<ul> <li>Demonstrate how to measure distances on a map</li> <li>Ask students to measure the distance between Kosrae and the places of origin</li> <li>Create a class data table and have students track their data (see example)</li> </ul>
		Suggested discussion questions

- Which food traveled the most?
- Which food traveled the least to Kosrae?
- Where are most of the foods from?

Brainstorm: What are some local substitutes for these foods?

<u>My Local Plate Infographic</u>\* = Ask students to create their own infographic with local substitutes for their favorite foods

- 1-2 examples in each sections; English and local language
- Use the same format as the Activating Prior Knowledge activity

#### Interviewing Elders: Has Our Food Changed?

Day 3

Ask students to develop 4-6 questions to ask their parents or grandparents about past food sources in Kosrae / Marshall Islands

Students do interviews and record answers on a worksheet

Sample questions

- As a child, where did your family get food?
- Did your family have a garden or farm? Where?
- Did your family buy food? From where?
- Were there grocery stores? What were they like? What could you buy?
- What was your favorite food when you were growing up? Where did you get it?

## End Task: Letter Day 4 to My Grandchildren\*

Students can write a letter to their grandchildren, telling them about what food is like in Kosrae today (answering the same questions they asked their parents/grandparents)

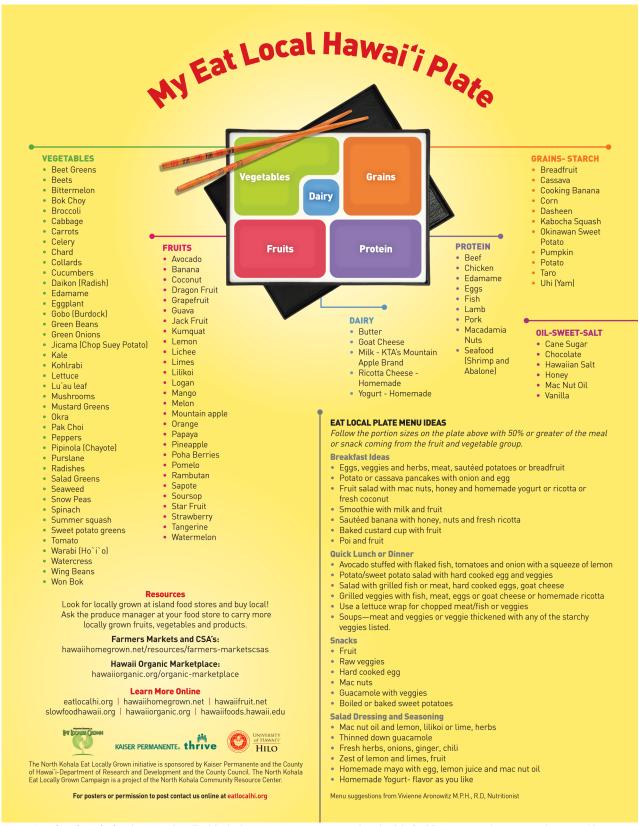
Ask students to write a letter to their grandchildren. The letter should:

- Recall some information gathered from their interview
- Have a prediction about food will be like in Kosrae / the Marshall Islands
  - For example: Will your favorite food still be available? What new food will you be able to buy or grow?

\*Keep copies of letters and infographics for bulletin board at library / museum

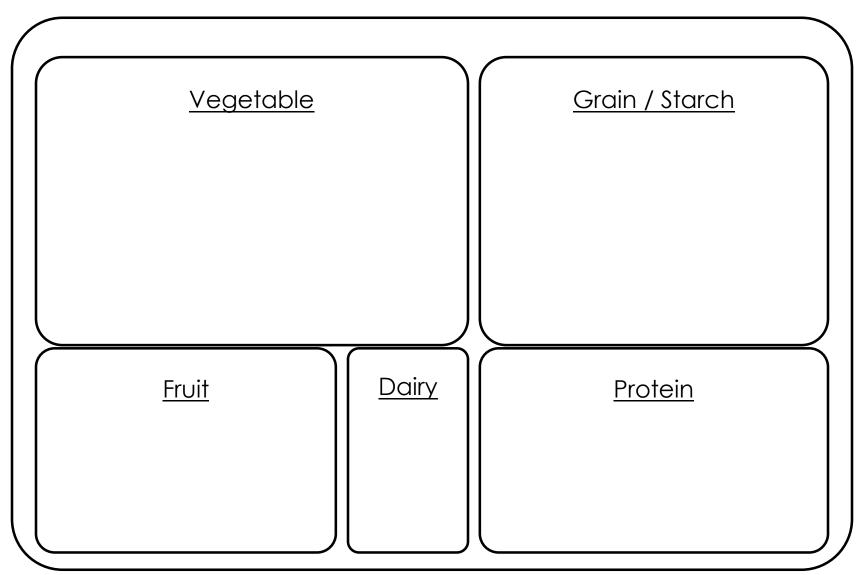
#### **RESOURCES**

- Local plate infographic (pages 4-6)
- Venn diagram worksheet (page 7)
- World map (Pacific-centric) (page 8)
- Interview Worksheet (pages 9-11)



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## My Local Plate



#### My Local Plate (Hawaii / Bilingual Example)

## Vegetable / Mea Kanu

- Lettuce / Lekuke
- Tomato / 'Ōhi'a
- Eggplant / Lahopipi

## Grain / Starch / Pia

- Breadfruit / 'Ulu
- Taro / Kalo
- Rice / Laiki

## Fruit / Hua

- Mango / Manakō
- Banana / Mai'a
- Pandanus / Hala

Milk / Waiu

## **Protein**

- Pork / Pua'a
- Beef / Pipi
- Chicken / Moa

### Garden / Farm or Grocery Store?

Venn Diagram

We can grow these foods in a garden or farm

We get these foods from both a garden/farm and a grocery store

We buy these foods in a **grocery store** 

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### How Far Did Our Food Travel? Data Table

Food	Place of Origin	Miles from Kosrae

Which food traveled the most distance?
Which food traveled the least distance?
Where are most of our foods from?

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