**States vs. School Supplies**

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States are like school supplies. There are many different categories of school supplies, and there are many different ways to categorize a state, such as Hawaii. Today, were going to focus on the pencils or volcanoes of Hawaii, which include Mauna Loa, Mauna Kea, and Hualalai.

The first pencil, I mean volcano is Mauna Loa. Mauna Loa is the world’s most active volcano. Mauna Loa’s longest eruption lasted 18 months in 1855-1856! A 1984 eruption sent lava flowing to within four miles to the city of Hilo! Mauna Loa covers half of Hawaii’s longest island. This massive volcano covers half of the island of Hawaii and by itself amounts to about 85% of all the other Hawaiian Islands combined! Wow, Mauna Loa is huge!

In addition to Mauna Loa, Mauna Kea is also a volcano of Hawaii, which I personally think is really fascinating. Mauna Kea is one of the five hotspot volcanoes that form the island of Hawaii. Mauna Kea is the fourth oldest and fourth most active of the five volcanoes. Mauna Kea has not been active in over 4,000 years! That’s a long time ago if you ask me! Much of Mauna Kea is below sea level. (13,796 ft. above sea level and 19,680 ft. below sea level). A total of 33,476 ft. If you want to get all technical, yes, it is bigger than Mt. Everest, but that’s a mountain so that’s a whole other story! Wow, Mauna Kea is one ginormous volcano!

The last and final volcano is Hualalai. Hualalai is the third youngest and third most active of the five hotspot volcanoes. The last eruption was in 1801. Hualalai is still considered an active volcano, and is expected to erupt sometime within the next century. Hualalai is considered a potential dangerous volcano. Your probably thinking aren’t all volcanoes dangerous? Yes, if they erupt shooting steaming lava into the air. However, Hualalai is supposed to be even more dangerous in the future.

To summarize, pencils are a big part of you school supplies, just like volcanoes are a big part of Hawaii, including Mauna Loa, Mauna Kea, and Hualalai. Now it might make more sense that states are like school supplies and volcanoes are like pencils.