



**Maui Film & Research, Inc.**

*To Perpetuate Hawaii's Unique Land and Culture*

# Letters from Maui School Students

After Viewing 12 min DVD "TARO FIRST"

*(DVD Included)*





## Our Mission Statement

We are dedicated to preserving and protecting Hawaii's unique land and culture by recording its history, music, stories and ceremonies in a digital archive of original research and documentaries to share via a website and easy to access audio / visual media for the education and enjoyment of all.



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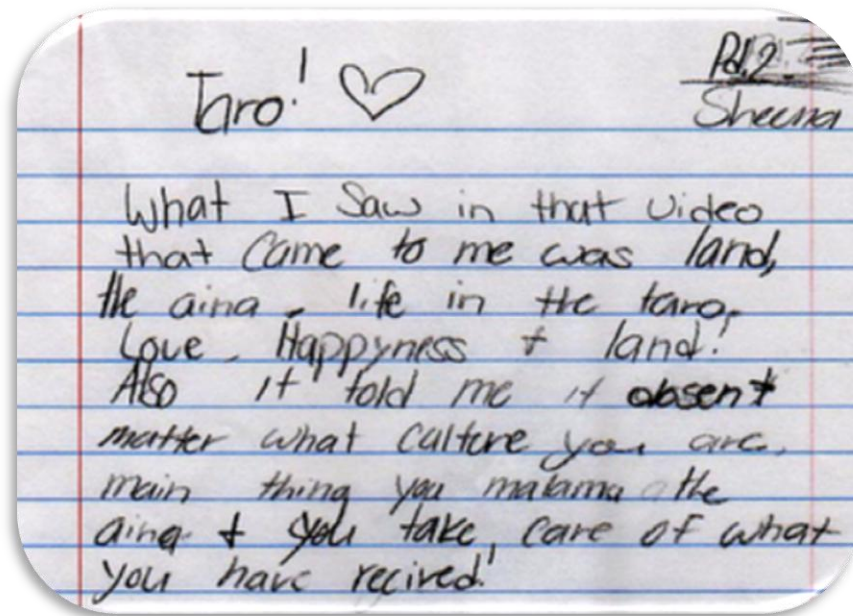
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the aina – life in the taro.

Love – Happiness + land!

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