

The Wave Riders Write

Duke Kahanamoku and Laird Hamilton, famous wave riders, both changed the sport of surfing forever. So, what if they could become pen pals? What would Duke and Laird say to or ask each other? In this activity, you will write letters from each surfer to the other.

Directions: Read the "Yesterday & Today" articles on surfing. Using ideas from the articles and the questions below to help you, write a letter from Duke to Laird, and then another letter from Laird to Duke.

Dear Laird,

What would Duke tell Laird about showing surfing to the world? _____

How would Duke describe his first surfboard? _____

What would Duke ask Laird about surfing in dangerous waters? _____

What would Duke ask about the tow-in method? _____

Would Duke think Laird's surfing sounded easier or harder? _____

Would Duke want to try modern surfing himself? _____

How would Duke sign his letter? _____,

Duke Kahanamoku

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Dear Duke,

What would Laird ask Duke about being a champion swimmer? _____

What would Laird ask Duke about early surfing? _____

How would Laird describe the new surfing equipment? _____

What would Laird say about his favorite surfing spots? _____

Would Laird think Duke's surfing sounded exciting? _____

What advice would Laird ask Duke for about surfing? _____

How would Laird sign his letter? _____,

Laird Hamilton

Write Now!

On a separate piece of paper, write a letter to a hero of yours in an activity you enjoy. It could be an athlete, a musician, a teacher, a reader, anything you love to do! Describe how you participate in the activity, and ask questions about their experiences.

