

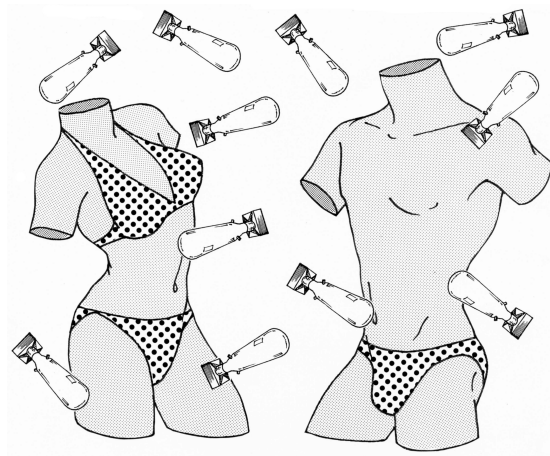
Bikini

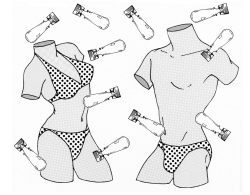
Micronesia is in the Pacific Ocean. In Micronesia there is an island called Bikini Island. Before World War II, this island belonged to Japan. After the war, it belonged to the United States of America.

The US government used Bikini Island to test nuclear bombs. Between 1946 and 1958, twenty-three atomic and hydrogen bombs were exploded on Bikini Island. The first bomb was exploded on July 1, 1946. There were stories in newspapers all over the world about the nuclear tests.

In France, Louis Reard made a new kind of swimsuit for women. It was a very small, two-piece swimsuit. He wanted to find a name for this new clothing. When he heard about the nuclear tests he decided to call his new swimsuit the “Bikini.” On July 5, 1946, Louis Reard showed the Bikini swimsuit to the world.

Many people did not like the bikini. People said, “Good girls do not wear such a small swimsuit.” But, soon it became very popular. Today, women wear Bikini swimsuits all over the world. Bikini fashion has become popular not only for women, but for men, also.



**READING COMPREHENSION**

Answer the following questions using complete sentences.

1. Where is Micronesia?

2. Where is Bikini Island?

3. Who did Bikini Island belong to before W.W.II?

4. What did the US government use Bikini Island for?

5. How many hydrogen and atomic bombs were exploded there?

6. When was the first bomb exploded?

7. Were there stories about the nuclear tests on television?

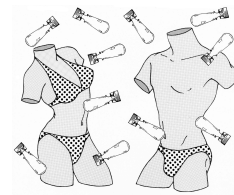
8. Who made a new kind of swimsuit for women?

9. What was the new swimsuit like? Was it a one-piece or a two-piece?

10. When did Louis Reard decide to call his new swimsuit the “bikini”?

11. When did Louis Reard show his swimsuit to the world?

12. Did the bikini become popular?



VOCABULARY REVIEW

ESL Lesson Plans - Mini-Bios - Bikini

Unscramble the words below from the story. Then write one original sentence for each word.

1. onersiamic _____

2. iandsl _____

3. iinbki _____

4. ernmengovt _____

5. clearnu _____

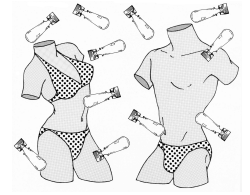
6. sombb _____

7. omatic _____

8. dedxelop _____

Now find the words from above in the Word Search below.

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a	g	a	e	i	s	e	i	a	s	h	a	d
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e	f	a	s	h	i	o	n	d	k	n	t	e
t	m	o	p	o	p	u	l	a	r	d	s	c



ANSWER KEY - SCRAMBLE AND WORD SEARCH

1. micronesia
2. island
3. bikini
4. government
5. nuclear
6. bombs
7. atomic
8. exploded

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m m i e r o n e s i a y c
a g a e i s e i a s h a d
i o r k y t e g m l m e i
s v t a v h n i i a n x u
d e i c d b i k i n i p a
e r a v o d o i y d c l t
g n e v i i e m n h h o o
i m a t o m i e b e d d w
f e r c r g e t a s y e k
t n u c l e a r i r t d e
s t s s w i m s u i t d r
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