

Call It Courage

ANTICIPATION GUIDE

DIRECTIONS

- Before you read the book, read each of the statements and place a check next to “agree” or “disagree” in the BEFORE column.
- Compare your opinions with a partner’s opinions and discuss your reasons for agreeing or disagreeing.
- After you read the book, read the statements again and place a check next to “agree” or “disagree” under the AFTER column. How has your thinking changed?

| BEFORE Reading | | Statement | AFTER Reading | |
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| agree | disagree | | agree | disagree |
| | | The story takes place in a traditional Polynesian society with no modern technology. | | |
| | | The people of Hikueru believe that courage is the most important quality a person can have. | | |
| | | Mafatu’s fear of the sea makes him feel like an outsider in his own community. | | |
| | | Mafatu is determined to prove his bravery because he feels ashamed of being afraid of the ocean. | | |
| | | Mafatu’s father, the Great Chief, is disappointed in his son’s fear. | | |
| | | Mafatu survives on the island by using resourcefulness, such as making tools from natural materials. He builds a spear, a knife, and a raft using materials he finds on the island. | | |
| | | Mafatu learns that courage means facing your fears, not being fearless. | | |
| | | Mafatu returns home as a changed person, proud of what he has accomplished. | | |
| | | The book suggests that courage can be found through action, not words. | | |