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Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month: ***Famous Figures***

Directions: Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month is a wonderful time to learn about important people with the AAPI community. Read the passage below and answer the questions in complete sentences to show off your learning!

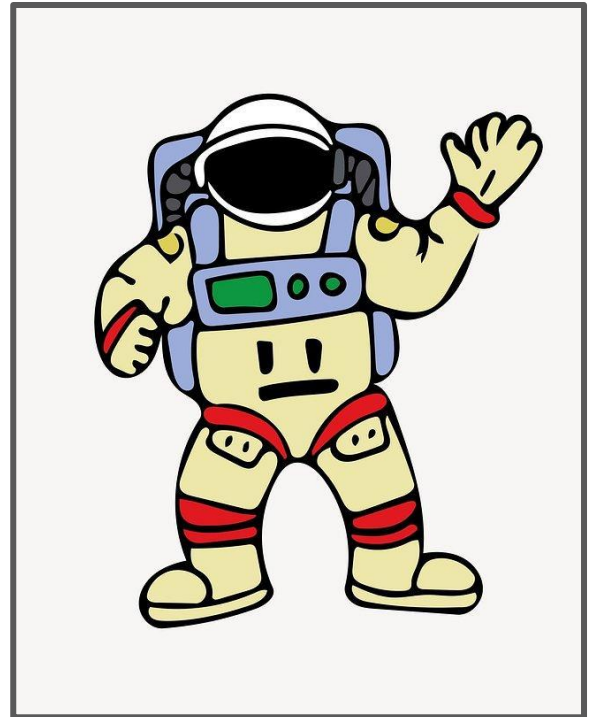
Dwayne Johnson, who is also known as “The Rock,” is a famous entertainer who is American. His family history ties to Samoa, which is a small island in the Pacific Ocean. “The Rock” had a successful career as a professional wrestler and is also an actor. In addition, he is well-known for working hard in the gym. He is very strong and tough! “The Rock” has said he is very proud of his Samoan culture. In the movie, *Moana*, which is about a character from Polynesia, Maui’s voice is “The Rock’s” voice!

Kalpana Chawla was born in India and became a famous American astronaut. She was the first Indian woman to fly to space.

Kalpana’s father was the one who got her interested in planes. That interest eventually grew to be a love of space.

When she worked for NASA, she studied robots and worked hard to make robots and other tools work quickly and correctly.

During a space mission, she was asked what it was like to be where there was not gravity and be “weightless.” She said, “You are just your intelligence.”



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1. According to the reading, who is “The Rock?” Write about him in your own words. Then, state why it’s important to stay connected to your culture.

2. According to the article, how did Kalpana Chawla become interested in space? Why is it important to have new experiences?

3. Why is it important to learn about people from the Asian American and Pacific Islander cultures?
