In 1965, a group of six Tongan teenage boys who shipwrecked on the uninhabited island of ʻAta and lived there for 15 months until their rescue.

Shipwrecked on an Island: Founding a New Society

You and the people in your group have been washed ashore on an island. You do not know anything about the island or where it is located. After several weeks, it has become clear that you will not be rescued, and you will have to decide, as a group, how you are going to live together on the island.

Before you choose where you are going to live and how you are going to design your society, your group needs to come to a shared understanding of some key definitions. **In your own words, please define what a human being is, as well as the difference between good and bad.**

A human being is . . .

The difference between good and bad is . . .

Please complete the following tasks for your community:

Pick a location and territory on the island for your community to live (be ready to show your teacher on the map).

- Questions: What will your community look like? How will people live within that community? (*examples: single dwellings, houses, communal living, solitary living*)

How will your society be governed? (*What will your government look like OR will your society be governed at all?*)

What are fundamental rights that will be enjoyed by your people? (*What is a fundamental right?) Think about you definition of a human being.*

1.

2.

3.

Create some supreme laws for your community – these laws can be about anything. **Think about the distinction you made between "good and bad"*

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5.

Create some unique characteristics about your community (*How do they great each other? How do you express friendship/membership in a family? Artistic expressions?*)

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- How will you enforce the laws within your society? (*What will you do to those who break them?*)

- How will you encourage social cohesion and active participation in your society?

- How will you ensure accurate information is disseminated between the leadership and the people of your society?

Create a flag for your society: