Captain James Cook's Diary

Writing Samples from 1773

Focus Wor	ds:			
resolution	harbour	Huahine	causing	
adventure	presents	nice	trouble	
damaged	goodbye	would	guard	
native	island	wear		
try	chief			

September 1773 (off the island of Huahine)

Thursday 2nd September 1773

After we left the bay, we aimed for the Island of Huahine. At 6 o'clock. we had a rest. On Friday morning, we sailed to the harbour. It was very windy and we had to stop. Our first ship, the 'Resolution', was fine, but our other, the 'Adventure', got stuck on the reef!

Friday 3rd September 1773

The 'Resolution' rescued the 'Adventure' and it was not damaged. We were greeted well by the native people.

Monday 6th September 1773

One of the natives was causing trouble and had two clubs. I took the clubs and broke them. I asked for a guard to help. Mr Sparman had some trouble too. Two men took all of his things, apart from his trousers! They hit him, but he was not hurt. A man came to help him and gave him things to wear. I told the Chief and he was





upset. I was always nice to him, so he said he would try to get Mr Sparman's things back. We had a meal with the Chief and his sister sat behind us. Women are not allowed to eat with the men. I made them presents and took them to a place where people waited to meet the Chief. They were so happy! The Chief and I became good friends.

Tuesday 7th September 1773

In the morning, I said goodbye to the Chief and gave him some gifts. He is going to take care of them and will show them to the first ship that comes to the island. He gave me eight pigs and lots of fruit in return. We left and the Chief was upset. Nothing was said about Mr Sparman's clothes so they must not have been found.



