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Punctuation Practice

Directions: Put all of the periods and apostrophes into the passage below, as you did in the article "Happy Gilmore."

A Brief History of Surfing

No one knows who invented surfing or when people first took to the waves on boards. We do know that surfing was a big part of ancient Hawaiian culture. Several of Hawaii's most famous chiefs were renowned for their surfing ability.

Surfing was first documented by European sailors in 1778. When Captain Cook's ships reached the Hawaiian Islands, he discovered that surfing was a big part of Polynesian life. However, once Hawaii was discovered by the Europeans, it became a popular destination for many people, changing the islands' culture. The surfing tradition stopped, and by 1900 surfing was almost nonexistent in Hawaii.

Although the spirit of surfing was dying during the 1800s, it did not die. By the early 1900s, a number of Hawaiians began to revive surfing and soon re-established it as a sport. Today, surfing is popular all over the world.