

Guiding Questions

Helpful questions to encourage discussion and activities related to Kumukahi videos



Topic: **ALAHELE**
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Specific questions

1. What is an alahele? Was the alahele there before Kawa'a's time?
2. On Moloka'i, what are some of the common reasons for people to use the alahele? Why is it important to travel during the day?
3. The alahele on Moloka'i is an old footpath. What are some alahele in your neighborhood? Where do they take you?
4. Do you think it takes more work to maintain roadways and sidewalks or an alahele like the one on Moloka'i? Who is in charge of maintenance?
5. In today's modern world, what is the value of an old footpath? Should natural environments be preserved? Why or why not?
6. Choose two places where you like to spend time working or playing in your neighborhood. Create a detailed map with an alahele that connects these two places. What materials would you use to make the alahele? Would you need help?

General questions

- What does this video teach us about Hawaiian knowledge and its relevance today?
- How does this video relate to other aspects of Hawaiian culture you've learned or experienced?
- How can we keep these cultural practices alive today and in future generations?