

Guiding Questions

Helpful questions to encourage discussion and activities related to Kumukahi videos



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Specific questions

1. How many moku, or districts, does O'ahu have?
2. Why are there so many place names on O'ahu that start with "wai" (water)?
3. If you were to visit the different kaulana (famous) place on O'ahu, what would be the best way to get around? Can you go anywhere you like? Are there people you know who could give you guidance?
4. What areas of O'ahu are the driest, and which are the wettest? Has it always been this way? Why would a place with an abundant water supply become dry over time?
5. Why do you think O'ahu has become the most populated island of Ka Pae 'Āina? Is the growth of cities and commerce is a good thing? Why or why not?
6. Find a map of O'ahu and look at the names of different places. Are the names in Hawaiian or English? See if you can figure out the older names of places like Diamond Head, Pearl Harbor, and Chinaman's Hat.

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?