

Guiding Questions

Helpful questions to encourage discussion and activities related to Kumukahi videos



Topic: 'AUWAI
 Part of: 'Ōnaepuni chapter, Ka Honua realm
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 URL: http://www.kumukahi.org/units/ka_honua/onaepuni/auwai

Specific questions

1. What is an 'auwai?
2. How does the 'auwai system use gravity to move water from one place to another?
3. The 'auwai system brings freshwater to the lo'i kalo, or wetland taro patches. How do people irrigate their crops today?
4. What is the difference between an 'auwai and a kahawai? Why would the water be more clear and calm in the 'auwai?
5. How long has the land been in Kawa'a's 'ohana? What happens when land exchanges hands a lot of times? Is this a good thing or a bad thing for Hawai'i?
6. Pretend you live in a place without faucets and running water. How would you bring water to your house? Make a diagram that illustrates the water flow.

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?