

Guiding Questions

Helpful questions to encourage discussion and activities related to Kumukahi videos



Topic: HE'E NALU

Part of: Mauli ola chapter, Nā Kānaka realm

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URL: http://www.kumukahi.org/units/na_kanaka/mauli_ola/hee_nalu

Specific questions

- 1. Where was surfing invented? How did Hawaiians modify the uma (chest) boards?
- 2. Why is he'e nalu good for the whole body? What is the connection between surfing and nature?
- 3. Of all the people you know, who is the most avid surfer? In what ways does he'e nalu strengthen your friendships and bring your 'ohana together?
- 4. What are some different kinds of surfboards and surfing styles? Do you need a surfboard to surf waves?
- 5. Do you think he'e nalu should be an Olympic sport? Why or why not?
- 6. If you had only traditional materials, like wood and old-style dyes, what kind of surfboards would you design? Would the shape be different from today's styles? Put some of your ideas down on paper.

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?

