

Guiding Questions

Helpful questions to encourage discussion and activities related to Kumukahi videos



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Specific questions

1. What is a kahuna?
2. Kāhuna were part of a chiefly class of trained experts. What are some examples of different kinds of kāhuna?
3. Kāhuna helped to take care of things that are spiritual in nature. In your life, who is in charge of giving you spiritual guidance and knowledge?
4. What are the main differences between ali'i, kāhuna, and maka'āinana?
5. To make a canoe, a kahuna would choose the tree, but the actual carving was done by others. Is there a need for both types of expertise? Why or why not?
6. Traditionally, kāhuna have taken care of the arts and practices of Hawaiians. Think about the people in your life who have guided you in Hawaiian arts and practices. Make a drawing or sculpture that symbolizes your relationship to these mentors.

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?