

Guiding Questions

Helpful questions to encourage discussion and activities related to Kumukahi videos



Topic: **LAWAI'A**
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Specific questions

1. What is lawai'a? What are the different kinds of lawai'a?
2. Why was lawai'a so important in the olden days? Why is it important today?
3. If shipments of food stopped coming to the Hawaiian Islands, would there be enough fish and food to feed all the people? Would your family be able to survive?
4. Besides fish, what are some other kinds of marine resources found in Hawai'i? What are some of the methods to catch i'a in different parts of the ocean?
5. Tradition teaches us that fruits should not be eaten at the beach and that the word holoholo is used instead of "go fishing." Should these traditions be maintained? Why or why not?
6. It is said never to turn your back to the ocean. Over the next week, see if you can always be facing the ocean when you are near a beach.

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?