

# Guiding Questions

Helpful questions to encourage discussion and activities related to Kumukahi videos



Topic: **MAHI 'AI**  
 Part of: 'Oihana chapter, Nā Kānaka realm  
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## Specific questions

1. What is kalo? What is a lo'i kalo? What is a kuleana?
2. Why does somebody need to take care of the 'āina? Do things grow automatically?
3. A mahi 'ai, or farmer, supports his family and village by taking care of the 'āina. Do you know any mahi 'ai? What is their lifestyle?
4. What is the difference between kalo farming and wheat or corn farming in the United States? Why does 'Anakala Kyle consider his hands to be a tool?
5. 'Anakala Kyle's grandparents and their grandparents gifted the 'āina to him, and he is now farming it. What kinds of things have been passed to you from your parents and grandparents? What is your responsibility in taking care of those things?
6. Think about your home or yard. Is there a place where you could plant fruits or vegetables? On a piece of paper, draw a plan for a small garden. Then talk with your family about planting and taking care of fruits or vegetables.

## 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?