

Guiding Questions

Helpful questions to encourage discussion and activities related to Kumukahi videos



Topic: **MELE**
 Part of: Ka'a'ike 'ōiwi chapter, Nā Kānaka realm
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 URL: http://www.kumukahi.org/units/na_kanaka/kaaike/mele

Specific questions

1. What does mele mean? What are some of the different kinds of mele?
2. Why do you think the tradition of Hawaiian mele has remained so strong over the years?
3. If you wanted to write a special mele for your grandma, what are some words and images you might include?
4. How have outside traditions, like musical instruments, influenced Hawaiian mele?
5. Why is it important to learn 'ōlelo Hawai'i if you want to be a musician?
6. 'Anakē Kainani said, "The mele is probably the most significant gift you can give somebody." What did she mean? Is there a special mele you could share with a family member or close friend?

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?