

Guiding Questions

Helpful questions to encourage discussion and activities related to Kumukahi videos



Topic: ‘ŌIWI (1)
 Part of: Ka Hikina realm
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 URL: http://www.kumukahi.org/units/ka_hikina/oiwi

Specific questions

1. What does ‘ōiwi mean?
2. Why are iwi important to Hawaiians?
3. Kulaiwi means the place of your ancestors’ bones. Where is your kulaiwi? Do you have more than one?
4. Why is mana, or spiritual power, associated with a person’s bones rather than flesh and blood?
5. Do you think it’s important to know your genealogy? Is it necessary to know where your native homeland is? Why or why not?
6. Ask one of your adult family members to take you to where your ancestors are buried. After the visit, record your feelings in a journal or on a computer.

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?