

Guiding Questions

Helpful questions to encourage discussion and activities related to Kumukahi videos



Topic: UHAUHUMU PŌHAKU (1)
Part of: 'Oihana chapter, Nā Kānaka realm

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URL: http://www.kumukahi.org/units/na_kanaka/oihana/uhauhumu_pohaku

Specific questions

- 1. What is a niho stone, and how heavy is it?
- 2. Why did the builders gather stones at low tide?
- 3. What happens to a sacred site, like a heiau, if it is not taken care of for many years?
- 4. How are today's calendars different from the calendar method of the Hāpai Ali'i heiau?
- 5. In today's fast-paced world, how important is it to learn and use Hawaiian building techniques from the past?
- 6. In the neighborhood and town where you live, are there any stone structures made from the uhauhumu pōhaku method of drystacking (no cement)? Are the structures intact? What are the advantages of using this method?

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?

