

# Demonstration Questions

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There are 5 demonstration areas open on Friday. Look for the bright green demonstration signs. Below are a variety of questions about each of the demonstration areas. Feel free to use any of these or have your students come up with their own.

### Flint Knapping

- What is flint knapping?
- Why is it called "knapping"?
- When was flint knapping invented or first used?
- Can you knap any stone or does it have to be flint?
- What other types of stones are good for arrowheads?
- Are there any stones that won't work? Why?
- What are the tools that you need to do flint knapping?
- How did you learn to flint knap?
- What sorts of safety procedures do you need to follow?
- Besides arrowheads, what other sorts of items can you make this way?
- Do people use these arrowheads today or are they for decoration?
- What is the most important thing you have learned about flint knapping?

### Lapidary Process

- What does lapidary mean?
- What is a cabochon?
- How is a cabochon different from a faceted stone?
- What is the benefit of the lapidary process? Why do you do that?
- What are the steps of the lapidary process?
- Why are there so many wheels on the grinder?
- Are there really diamonds on the grinding wheels? Why?
- How did you learn to do this?
- What equipment do you need to do lapidary work?
- What is the hardest part about the lapidary process?
- What is the best part?
- Are some stones easier to work with than others? Why or why not?

### Silversmithing

- What is silver-smithing?
- What kinds of things can you make by silver-smithing?
- Besides jewelry, what else can you use silver-smithing for?
- Why would you use silver-smithing instead of wire-wrapping?
- What are the advantages of setting stones this way?
- How long have you been silver-smithing?

### Silversmithing, continued

- Why do you like to do silver-smithing?
- How did you learn to do this?
- What are the steps of silver-smithing?
- How do you make sure that the stone doesn't fall out?
- What equipment do you need to do silver-smithing?
- Is it easier to set large stones or small ones? Why?
- What is the hardest part about silver-smithing?
- What is the best part?
- What are your favorite items to create?

### Viking Weaving

- What is Viking weaving?
- Is it a historic form of jewelry making?
- What can you use Viking weaving for?
- How long have you been Viking weaving?
- How long does it take to learn how to Viking weave?
- Why do you like to do Viking weaving?
- How did you learn to do this?
- What equipment do you need to do Viking weaving?
- What is the hardest part about Viking weaving?
- What is the best part?

### Wire-wrapping

- What is wire wrapping?
- Why do you use it instead of silver-smithing or prong-setting?
- What are the advantages of setting stones this way?
- How long have you been wire wrapping?
- Why do you like to wire-wrap?
- How did you learn to do this?
- How do you make sure that the stone doesn't fall out?
- What equipment do you need to do wire-wrap?
- Is it easier to wrap large stones or small ones? Why?
- What is the hardest part about wire-wrapping?
- What is the best part?
- What is the best stone you have ever wrapped and why?