Guiding Questions for Documents

Document 1

- Why do you think this event was called a “Human Be-In”?
- Based on the picture of poet Allen Ginsberg at the event, what do you imagine was the mood of the “Be-In?”
- How does the newspaper account describe the participants at the “Be-In”? The overall mood?
- What impression does the newspaper account give of the way most outsiders viewed the event and the people who attended?
- According to the newspaper account, what role did illegal drugs play in this gathering?
- What does “psychedelic” mean? Why might the advertisement for the “Be-In” be described as “psychedelic” art?
- According to the advertisement, what sorts of things were participants encouraged to bring? Who was encouraged to attend?
- What kinds of people do you think would have wanted to attend, based on the description in the article?

Document 2

- What is a manifesto? Why might the Diggers have wanted to write one?
- What do the Diggers say their goals are? Why do they want a “free store”?
- What do you think the Diggers meant by the following passages?:
    - “A store of goods or clinic or restaurant that is free becomes a social art form.”
    - “A salesman in a free store is a life-actor. Anyone who will assume an answer to a question or accept a problem as a turn-on.”
    - “When materials are free, imagination becomes currency for spirit.”
- Do you think it’s possible to run a “free store”? How might it work?

Document 3

- What does Thompson believe is the central element of the culture in the “Hashbury”?
- What, according to Thompson, is the origin of the word “hippie”? How would you summarize his definition of what makes someone a hippie?
- Do you think your character would have become a hippie, or been sympathetic to the hippie ideal as described by Thompson? Why or why not?

Document 4

- When was the Monterey Pop Festival? Why would some consider it to be the start of the "Summer of Love"?
- How would you describe the logo for the festival that appears on the document page? What does it convey?
- How would you describe the atmosphere at the festival as depicted in the video?
- What do you notice about the crowd at the festival? How are they dressed? How do they behave?