

# **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?:
  - o "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."
  - o "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?