

Questions for discussion

Episode 15
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Thai Troubles

1. Discuss the issues raised in the BtN story with another student.
2. Which city is the capital of Thailand?
3. Locate Thailand on a map. What countries surround Thailand? In which part of Asia does Thailand belong?
4. Describe some of the ways the military in Thailand is different to the military in Australia.
5. Who does the Thailand military say it answers to?
6. Explain what is meant by a military coup. Do some research and list two other countries that have experienced a military coup.
7. Protesting is an important right in a democracy. Do you agree or disagree? Explain your answer.
8. Name the Thai Prime Minister who was recently thrown out. Name the family member who was Prime Minister in 2006?
9. What are their supporters known as?
10. How does the political unrest in Thailand affect Australia and its people? Why do you think it matters?

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Land Rights

1. What was the main point of the *Land Rights* story?
2. When is Mabo Day?
3. Why is it known as Mabo Day?
4. What is Mabo Day the anniversary of?
5. Where are the Torres Strait Islands in relation to Australia? Locate using Google maps.
6. Dwayne says 'We have a strong connection to the land. It gives us life'. Explain why land is so important to Indigenous Australians?
7. What does Terra Nullius mean?
8. What effect did white settlement have on the Indigenous people of Australia?
9. How long have Indigenous people lived in Australia?
10. When was Australia first settled by the British?

Do the *Land Rights* quiz on the BtN website <http://www.abc.net.au/btn/quiz.htm>

Palm Oil

1. What have you learned about palm oil and its impact on orang-utans as a result of watching this story?
2. How many types of orang-utans are there in the world? Name them.
3. Where do orang-utans live?
4. Describe the orang-utans' natural environment.
5. Why have orang-utans become an endangered species?

6. What is palm oil and where does it come from?
7. Why does Tahlia want palm oil production stopped?
8. How are the palm oil plantations important to the economy of Indonesia and Malaysia?
9. Some people have started sustainable palm oil plantations. What does this mean?
10. What is palm oil often labelled as? Should companies be forced to put 'Palm Oil' on their labels if their products contain it? Explain your answer.

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Check out the BtN *Palm Oil* teacher resource on the Teachers page
<http://www.abc.net.au/btn/teachers.htm>

Diabetes Awareness

1. Which type of diabetes does Nick have? Type 1 or Type 2?
2. Which organ's cells are destroyed by the immune system triggering diabetes?
3. What does Nick have to take in order to stay alive?
4. Which type of diabetes is also known as juvenile diabetes?
5. Why does Nick refer to himself as a 'Cyborg'?
6. Nick uses humour to describe his condition. How does this help to get the message across?
7. What should a diabetic do when they're having a 'low'?
8. Nicholas describes the 'highs' and 'lows' as being like the ups and downs of a normal teenager. What does he mean by this?
9. What are some of the symptoms of diabetes? What should you do if you are experiencing them?
10. There is no cure for diabetes. True or False.

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Silent Films

1. Why is Henry's movie called a *silent* film?
2. Why did Henry decide to make a silent film?
3. What kind of films did Henry make before this?
4. When were silent films really popular? Explain why they were silent.
5. In the old days film-makers used music to create mood. How did they do this?
6. When films with sound came along what were they called?
7. What is talking in films called?
8. What genre of music did Henry choose to make his film to? Why did he choose this?
9. Who is the legendary silent film actor mentioned in the BtN story? What are some of his films?
10. Henry has worked hard. How do you think this will help his plans for the future?

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