

DISCUSSION GUIDE

YOUTH AND THE FUTURE

How do teens around the globe view their future? Where will they be in another 16 years? All six teens from the series answer these and other questions about their future and the future of the planet. Will your hopes for the future match theirs?

BEFORE THE FILM:

What is the single most important issue teens must tackle to ensure a better future? Develop a list of top issues that are important to you. Then write another list of what you think the six teens of the series will consider important. Take into account what you now know about each of them as individuals and also as representatives of their respective countries.

If you were president what changes would you make for a better future?

The six teens of the series are going to be asked what they would do if they had one million dollars. Repeat the exercise above and make one list for yourself and one list of what you believe each teen will say.

Conclusion:

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How do teens feel about their future?

This final episode unites all six teenagers and focuses on their visions of the future. How do they imagine things in the year 2009 and what would they do to make the world a better place? What are their global concerns and what impact does American culture have on their lives?

AFTER THE FILM:

Now match your list of issues with those of the other teens.


Rosie (Jamaica): Pollution Pintinho (Brazil): AIDS Eman (Egypt): Fighting/intolerance Idrissa (Niger): Death Puttinan (Thailand): Fighting Sonam (India): Fighting

How has culture influenced the responses from the other teens? How did it influence your answers? Are some issues universal?

How did your presidential plans compare with the teens' plans? Their ideas include ending racism, helping the poor, creating jobs, stopping crime, ensuring education, avoiding drugs and cleaning the environment. Teens of the past have had the same aspirations for change.

What keeps us from succeeding?

Compare your million dollar answers with the responses from the global teens. Four teens chose to spend the million on material possessions for themselves like houses, cars, and even a camel! Two chose an altruistic path, putting their money into community, social and religious outlets. Do you have the same percentage in your group? How do you think free trade, immigration and satellite technology will effect you and the other teens in the future?



Series of eight 26 minute programs

- Youth and the Global Village (Introduction)**
Do teens around the world hold similar views on issues such as marriage, culture and religion?
- The Story of Rosie (Jamaica)**
What is the role of the family?
- The Story of Idrissa (Niger)**
Are cultural values being threatened?
- The Story of Eman (Egypt)**
Do men and women share the same rights and freedoms?
- The Story of Pintinho (Brazil)**
Are sports a ticket to the future?
- The Story of Puttinan (Thailand)**
Are young people being exploited?
- The Story of Sonam (India)**
Do teens believe in God?
- Youth and the Future (Conclusion)**
How do teens feel about their future?

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