

Episode 1: Lost Sheep

Story Themes: ecology, animal rights, environmentalism

1. Do you think that the colonists have a responsibility to protect the yashors?
Why or why not?
2. If the yashors were poisoned, what affect do you think it would have on the environment? What about if they were trapped? Are those effects worth saving the sheep?
3. Can you think of a different solution to deal with the yashors attacking the sheep? Do you think that solution could be used to solve similar problems in the real world today?
4. The yashors' saliva can be used as a medicine for the colonists. Do you think it's OK for the humans to use these animals like this?
5. In what ways are animals beneficial to our society and our world?
6. Research a native species in your area and how its population has been affected by humans.

Episode 2: Water Wars

Story Themes: equity, sharing resources, public vs. private property

1. Do you think that the Construction Chief has a responsibility to provide this necessary resource to the other colonists?
2. Do you think the Captain should be able to tell the Construction Chief what to do with his property?
3. What if other colonists also wanted to dig their own wells like the Construction Chief, but didn't have enough money or resources to do so? Does that change the situation?
4. What are the benefits to sharing resources and how can this help a community?
5. Many people around the world don't have access to clean water. Research the effects of this problem and something that is being done to solve it.

Episode 3: Fashion Faction

Story Themes: equity, privilege, cliques, uniforms, favoritism

1. Do you think uniforms are a good idea? Why or why not?
2. Do you think it was a good idea for the tailor to create special uniforms for his friends in the first place?
3. Why do you think that some colonists without special uniforms started calling themselves “plaingrays” and refused to work with colonists with special uniforms? Do you agree with the way they handled that situation?
4. Have you ever been in a situation where a group of people had special privileges? How did that feel?
5. Can you think of an example of a group that has special privileges which you agree with, as well as another example which you don't agree with? What is the difference between the two situations?
6. Why do you think people feel the need to be a part of a special group?

Episode 4: Mixed Messages

Story Themes: cyberbullying, internet ethics, privacy, censorship

1. If someone posted something about you online that you thought was mean, how would you react?
2. What would you do if someone posted something hurtful online about your close friend?
3. Is the situation different if something mean is said in person instead of online?
4. What if you posted something online that was meant as a joke but someone was hurt by it? Would the situation be different if the person was your friend or not?
5. Has this ever happened to you or someone you know? What did you/they do? Do you think it worked out for the best?
6. If the colony decided to create a Code of Conduct in order to solve the message board problem, what are some guidelines you would include?
7. If cyberbullying hurts people, why do you think it still occurs?
8. Investigate any current bullying and cyberbullying laws in your location. Do you think they protect people from these situations? How would you improve them?

Want more resources for dealing with cyberbullying?

<http://mediasmarts.ca/digital-media-literacy/digital-issues/cyberbullying>

<https://www.commonensemedia.org/educators/cyberbullying-toolkit>

<http://www.stopbullying.gov/what-you-can-do/educators/>