

Discussion Guide

First scenes

Element in video	Key questions	Key messages
A beach where migrants are lined up on a pier. An unsafe boat is docked on the pier.	How does this scene make you feel?What does this setting suggest is about to happen?	The setting has scenes of subtle desperation.
A family (a father, a mother and their son) stand on the pier. They stare out across the ocean at a seemingly vibrant country. The hopeful faces of the family are reflected in the vibrant country.	What is it about the seemingly vibrant country that has captured their attention?	The country seems to be thriving. This suggests a healthy economy. Viewers can almost hear the excitement of the crowds.

Development

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An inflatable boat is docked at the pier. A smuggler is standing at the front of the boat. The line of migrants moves steadily as the boat fills up.	 What do the passengers do before they board and why? What does each family member give to the smuggler? Why do you think the smuggler takes the boy's teddy bear even though it has only one eye and the filling is coming out? 	Each passenger hands over cash or a valuable possession to the smuggler as payment for the smuggler's services. The smuggler is facilitating their illegal entry into the country that is seen in the distance. The family boards the boat. The father removes a gold tooth from his bloody mouth and hands it over to the smuggler. The mother hands over her wedding ring. The the son gives away his battered teddy bear. Viewers can only guess why the smuggler takes the teddy bear, which is worth very little. This



		act reflects the smuggler's lack of compassion and empathy.
A small hole appears in the side of boat and water starts pouring in. A fish swims into the boat, while the smuggler counts his	What do you think the makers of the video are trying to portray by showing a migrant catching and eating the fish?	The makers of the video are trying to portray the lurid and unsuspecting conditions that migrants find themselves in.
money.	How is the smuggler portrayed in the boat scene?	The smuggler is portrayed as greedy and uncaring.
	 A hole appears in the boat and water rushes in. A seagull snatches the money from the smuggler's hand. The unsafe boat capsizes. What does this scene signify? 	The scene signifies the dangers inherent in the smuggling process. It also alludes to the high number of migrant deaths that occur on the open seas.

Final scenes

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Migrants are sitting on a deserted island surrounded by sharks. They are upset and destressed.	• Is there a moral to the story? If so, what is it?	The smuggling of migrants is a dangerous business and smugglers do it for the money. While the smuggler is alone in
In the background, the vibrant country can be seen.		this video, smugglers can be connected to organized crime groups.
		There were no winners in the video. However, in real life, there is always someone who is getting money, even from failed attempts to smuggle migrants.