
BONUS VIDEO: EVERYTHING

Segment Length: 15:51 minutes

Description:

Everything is a good video to spark discussion in a government, health, critical thinking, or ethics class.

What would you do to save your child's life? Where do you draw the line? Would you break the law? What if the law wasn't protecting anyone? Everything is a thought-provoking film that shows the dilemma faced by a mother who comes up against federal law while in search of a bone marrow transplant for her daughter.

Preview Activity and Questions:

Use Think, Pair, Share to have students answer the preview questions. After a few minutes, poll the students and ask them to discuss their answers.

Why do we have laws? Do they always do good? Can they do any bad?

OR

Would you ever break the law? Under what circumstances? Would that be right or wrong?

Discussion and Analysis:

1. Why is the video called Everything?
2. Why does the daughter need a bone marrow transplant?
3. The mother is willing to risk jail but the doctor isn't. What does that say about people's incentives?
4. Why does the potential bone marrow donor decide not to donate? Why does she change her mind?
5. Does anyone in the video break the law? Does anyone do anything wrong?

Post-Viewing Activities:

1. Research bone marrow transplants. Why do some people need them? How many people are saved each year by bone marrow transplants? How many people die because they can't find a donor?
2. Research the federal law that banned payment for bone marrow transplants. Have there been any lawsuits? Has Congress tried to repeal the law? What is the latest news about this law?
3. Everything was produced by the Institute for Justice. Research the Institute for Justice. What are its goals? How does it work to achieve those goals? What cases has it handled? How successful has it been?