
EPISODE 3:
**Youth Perseverance
Around the World**

CHAPTER 1:
Students in a War Zone

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FOR DISCUSSION

Determine how long Afghanistan has been in a state of war.



TERM TO KNOW—*Taliban*

Extremist Islamic group who controlled Afghanistan in the 1990s and imposed a strict interpretation of Islamic law. Since 2001, the **Taliban** has fought to overturn US and international forces in Afghanistan, as well as the Afghan government.



WRITING PROMPT

Consider the images of the bullet-riddled school, barbed wire and that 50 students and 12 teachers have been killed or injured there. Recall what student Mohammad says, “There is a tank parked behind our school. When it fires into the valley below on several occasions, glass has fallen on pupils to the point where blood is flowing.”

Think about your version of this school’s setting. Reflect on what it must feel like to attend this school with classmates who may side with your family’s enemies.

- Would it be uncomfortable?
- Would you get into arguments?

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CHAPTER 2:
Smashed Phone +
8 Nigerian Boys =
Movie Magic

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FOR DISCUSSION

Have you heard of ‘Nollywood?’ What is their role in movie production?



TERM TO KNOW—*Nollywood*

Nollywood is the film industry in Nigeria.

Nollywood produces more movies than Hollywood in the US. Bollywood in South Asia is the world’s largest producer of movies. Nollywood movies are enjoyed in Nigeria and also in the English-speaking African diaspora (people who left their country of origin).



INVESTIGATIVE QUESTIONS

Jump online and check out the Critics Company’s homepage and their work:
filmfreeway.com/TheCriticsCompany

How has the group changed since this segment aired? Why do you think they say that they are “changing the narrative”?

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CHAPTER 3:
Escape from
North Korea

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How and why do you think North Korea is so secretive?



TERM TO KNOW—*Totalitarian*

A form of government where those in power have strict control over every aspect of society, and individuals are not free to oppose them.



LINK TO ADDITIONAL SOURCE

[What does kids TV look like in North Korea?](#) Check out this analysis of North Korean children’s television and the messages the youngest North Koreans are exposed to.

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CHAPTER 4:
Children Protect
Their Islands from
Climate Change

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FOR DISCUSSION

How is climate change affecting the world's smallest islands?



TERM TO KNOW—*Paris Climate Accords*

Almost 200 countries came together in 2015 to agree to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in an effort to lower global temperature by 1.5 degrees.

While in office, President Trump reversed American policy and began the process of withdrawing US participation from the Paris Climate Accords in 2017.



INVESTIGATIVE QUESTIONS

- Are you concerned about climate change?
- Are there changes that you would like to see happen to address your concerns?
- What could you do to bring about those changes?