



## Discussion and Post-show ideas

### General Questions:

- Why do you think the show is called “Dirt”?
- Which character did you like the most?
- Do you think that students in your school are dealing with the issues that some of these characters faced?
- Do you think mental health is addressed enough by our school or our community?
- If you or someone you know was struggling with any of the challenges discussed in the show, realistically, who could they go to for help?
- What does a drug addict look like? What does depression or anxiety look like?
- What do you think is the most important message to take away from the show?

### Questions about David/Pi.

- Pi sarcastically remarks that there is no difference between the drugs he’s doing and the ones prescribed to his family. Do you agree or disagree with this statement?
- What do you think happens to Pi after his grandfather picks him up from the rehab program at the end of the play?
- What mental health issues does Pi seem to be struggling with? Can you relate to any of them?

### Questions about No Name character:

- They say that they feel like “a ghost” or see their classmates as ghosts. What does she mean by this?
- When Pi stood up for them in the cafeteria do you feel that was an appropriate course of action? Have you ever done something similar for someone? Has anyone ever done that for you?
- Do you think they made any mistakes or anything is their fault?
- They felt like they couldn’t talk to their mom about what happened. Discuss some examples of people you would talk to if in a similar situation.



# DIRT

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Questions about Jason:

- Is Jason a “druggie” or “stoner?” Discuss those terms. Are they helpful or accurate?
- Jason feels that marijuana is kind of harmless. Do you agree or disagree with this?
- How did Jason’s actions affect the old man?
- Do you feel Jason is hurting himself in any way?
- Do you know people like Jason? Do you find him relatable?

Questions about Hank (The old WWII veteran):

- Discuss how Hank feels about Pi being in rehab?
- How did Hank’s experiences while growing up and during the war affect his view on life?
- How was Hank affected by Jason’s actions?
- Did the character of Hank change your opinion or view of older people? If so, how?
- What is ageism? Do you think it’s a problem in our culture?

## Project Ideas

-Pi/David wrote a poem in which he stated “I am Dirt.”  
Have students write their own “I am \_\_\_\_\_” poem. Choose a metaphor and explore it.

-In the cafeteria scene, students were compared to countries, some being peaceful, some having allies etc. If you were a country, what would your flag look like? What would your anthem be? What would you stand for? Who would you allow in or keep out? What would your laws be? These responses should be written/drawn on paper. The teacher or leader can compile all the student’s responses and make a class “Atlas” containing all the different “countries.”

