

## Dirt Discussion Questions

1. Which character did you like the most?
2. Did any of the characters seem "phony" or not "true to life?"
3. Did the actor make drugs look fun?
4. What did you think of the encounter with the teen crisis center? Who would you ask for help if you needed it?
5. What are the differences, if any, between a "drug problem" and addiction?
6. Which of the characters came from loving homes?
7. What do drug addicts look like?
8. What do you think Jason, the "stoner" character, meant when he was talking about "a slow leak on your tires?"
9. Do you agree with Pi's statement that ecstasy is not a drug?
10. Do you agree with the "stoner" characters statement that marijuana is not addictive?
11. What do you think it means to use drugs "recreationally?" Which of the characters were using drugs recreationally?
12. What mistakes did Melissa make, if any?
13. Melissa said she felt like a ghost. What do you think she meant?
14. What did you think of the WWII veteran's attitudes about life? Do you think he disliked kids? Do you think most older people are like him?
15. What did the WWII veteran have in common with Pi? What similarities in their stories did you notice?
16. What did you think of the music in the show? Was it appropriate?
17. Why do you think the show was called "Dirt?"
18. Did any of the characters change as the play went on?
19. Do you think addiction can be considered a disease or is it more of a "character flaw?"
20. Do you agree with the following statement "Once a drug addict, always a drug addict?"
21. Do you think that YOU are the type of person that could become addicted to a drug?
22. In your opinion, classify the following drugs 1 to 5 in terms of most dangerous. 1 being the most dangerous and 5 being the least dangerous:  
Marijuana, Cocaine, Ecstasy, Heroin, Alcohol,
  - 1.
  - 2.
  - 3.
  - 4.
  - 5.