



The Pact Discussion Guide

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Peer pressure plays an enormous role in the lives of young people in every circumstance. How did it play into Sam, George, and Rameck's lives?

What do you think enabled the three men to sustain such a strong bond despite all the hardships in their lives?

What kinds of obstacles do friends/ groups face when they form a pact, and what are some strategies for confronting these?

How did family relationships influence the doctors' lives? What stands out about each of their childhood experiences at home?

Why did the doctors continue to get in trouble, even after their academic successes?

What effects does racism have on education? Are these effects still as strong today as they were in the past?

For what reasons do individuals pursue an education? What does an individual lose, as well as gain, in the process of acquiring an advanced degree?

How do advancement programs such as the program at Seton Hall, Ujima, and Pathways aid in student success?

Do you think that Carla was essential to the doctors' success?

How did the three men express themselves through art? And why is this significant?