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CRITICAL THINKING RYAN SHECKLER

Use the following critical thinking questions to help foster an open, student-led discussion on the theme(s) discussed in this episode of The Harbor.

1. RYAN'S PARENTS WERE EXTREMELY SUPPORTIVE OF HIS SKATEBOARDING THROUGHOUT HIS CHILDHOOD AND ADOLESCENCE.

How supportive is your family of your hobbies and interests? How has having their support benefited you and what you enjoy doing?

2. MANY OF US CAN RELATE TO THE EMOTIONS RYAN FELT THROUGHOUT HIS PARENTS' DIVORCE.

Have you (or someone you know) been affected by a divorce or separation? How did this process make you (or them) feel?

What are some effective ways to cope with a traumatic experience like a divorce?

3. LIKE RYAN, THERE ARE NUMEROUS CHILDREN FROM DIVORCED FAMILIES WHO FEEL THAT THEY MAY BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR PARENTS' SEPARATION. MORE OFTEN THAN NOT, HOWEVER, THE CHILDREN ARE NOT THE ONES TO BLAME.

What are some other factors that you think may contribute to a divorce or separation?

4. TODAY, RYAN'S FAMILY MAINTAINS AN INCREDIBLE RELATIONSHIP WITH ONE ANOTHER EVEN IN SPITE OF HIS PARENTS' DIVORCE, REINFORCING HIS BELIEF THAT, "TIME HEALS EVERYTHING."

Why is it important to give yourself time to heal from traumatic experiences?

Write down some examples of problems that can be resolved or lessened by time.

5. MORE AND MORE OFTEN, WE SEE CHILDREN FROM SINGLE-PARENT HOMES OR DIVORCED FAMILIES BECOMING JUST AS SUCCESSFUL AS THOSE CHILDREN RAISED IN TRADITIONAL HOMES WITH MARRIED FAMILIES.

Why do you think this is? What are some ways you can overcome your surroundings and continue pursuing your dreams?





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