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Prom Night In Mississippi

1. Morgan Freeman talks about the need for students of different races to interact socially. How do you interact socially with other races?
2. What is your reaction to the meeting held by some of the white parents regarding the prom?
3. What would you have done if you were present at that meeting?
4. Why do you think the white parents insisted on hosting an all-white prom despite the seniors agreeing that a mixed prom was the student preference?
5. Why do you think the white kids attended?
6. Why is John Ellis embarrassed to tell his black friends that he was elected prom king at the white prom?

7. Several of the students in this movie blame the adults in their lives for keeping racism alive in their city. In the movie Billie Joe said that you “shut the door on someone when you don’t consider their feelings at all in a relationship.” Are your views on race the same as your parents? If not, how do you deal with those differences?

8. What was your first impression of Glenn Sumner, Heather’s father? How does this impression change as his interview goes on?

9. How do you feel about Chassidy’s valedictorian situation? Do you believe her or the school?

10. The documentary contains examples where fear leads individuals to form prejudices or to reveal prejudices they already had. What are some of those examples?