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LITERAL QUESTIONS

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How many children and young people are homeless on any given night?

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INFERENTIAL QUESTIONS

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What is the key argument being made throughout the article?

Is the article presenting a positive or negative view of people experiencing homelessness? How can you tell?

SYNTHESIS QUESTIONS

If you had access to all resources, how would you deal with the problem of youth homelessness? Be as detailed as possible in your answer.

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LITERAL QUESTIONS

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Why did Mr Priestly first set up camp in Sydney?

Why were the people experiencing homelessness kicked out of the financial heart of Sydney?

INFERENTIAL QUESTIONS

Mr Priestly says “getting the campers into hotels and long-term housing is a partial victory but it’s nowhere near a long term solution.” Why does he think this is not a long term solution?

The author of the article highlights the “\$174-per-night Ibis hotel” but doesn’t mention the prices of the other hotels, hostels and motels. What do you think was their motive for this?

What do you think the statement “homelessness doesn’t have a postcode” means?

Is the article presenting a positive or negative view of people experiencing homelessness? How can you tell?

SYNTHESIS QUESTIONS

What are the similarities and differences between these two articles?

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LITERAL QUESTIONS

How could Australia save \$626 million every year?

Australia could save \$626 million every year by investing in early intervention for youth justice and health costs for homeless youth.

What is the main cost of youth homelessness to society?

The main cost of youth homelessness to society is from increased interactions with the health and criminal justice systems for young homeless people.

How many children and young people are homeless on any given night?

There are more than 44,000 children and young people homeless on any given night in Australia.

Why is it harder to get youth out of homelessness?

It's harder to get youth out of homelessness because they aren't always able to run a household on their own.

INFERENTIAL QUESTIONS

Professor Mackenzie says “keeping people in education pathways for future employment is absolutely fundamental.” Why is this so important with regards to the issue of homelessness?

For Australia to tackle the issue of homelessness, it is important to start from the bottom. Keeping children in education pathways ensures they have a better chance of finding gainful employment in the future. In turn, having a secure career path reduces the risk of experiencing homelessness in the future.

What is the key argument being made throughout the article?

The key argument being made throughout the article is that the Australian government needs to increase its investment in early intervention programs for youth homelessness. The argument is that early intervention will ultimately save money.

Is the article presenting a positive or negative view of people experiencing homelessness? How can you tell?

The article is presenting a positive view of people experiencing homelessness. You can see this as the article has a sympathetic tone and is clearly not blaming the youth for ending up in their situation. The fact that the article is focused on strategies to help the youth is another clear giveaway that it is presenting a positive view.

SYNTHESIS QUESTIONS

If you had access to all resources, how would you deal with the problem of youth homelessness? Be as detailed as possible in your answer.

Answers will vary. Students should discuss solutions regarding providing housing, career pathways etc.

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Why has Lanz Priestly been dubbed the ‘Mayor of Martin Place’?

Lanz Priestly has been dubbed the Mayor of Martin Place because he sealed hotel spots for displaced campers (people experiencing homelessness).

Why did Mr Priestly first set up camp in Sydney?

Mr Priestly first set up camp in Sydney with the aim of getting under politician’s noses to underline Australia’s homelessness problem.

Why were the people experiencing homelessness kicked out of the financial heart of Sydney?

The people experiencing homelessness were kicked out of the financial heart of Sydney to clear the way for a multimillion-dollar skyscraper.

INFERENTIAL QUESTIONS

Mr Priestly says “getting the campers into hotels and long-term housing is a partial victory but it’s nowhere near a long term solution.” Why does he think this is not a long term solution?

Mr Priestly doesn’t believe getting the ‘campers’ into hotels is a long term solution because it is not sustainable. In order to get them off the streets for good, much more needs to be done to ensure they have stable accommodation and the opportunity to earn an income so they can become self-sufficient.

The author of the article highlights the “\$174-per-night Ibis hotel” but doesn’t mention the prices of the other hotels, hostels and motels. What do you think was their motive for this?

It is possible that the author has chosen to highlight the cost of the most expensive hotel on the list, in order to make the cost to taxpayers seem higher than it really is. The author may be trying to present a negative perspective of people experiencing homelessness.

What do you think the statement “homelessness doesn’t have a postcode” means?

The statement “homelessness doesn’t have a postcode” means that homelessness does not just occur in visible areas like the inner city. Homelessness is an issue that occurs in almost every suburb across the country in one form or another.

Is the article presenting a positive or negative view of people experiencing homelessness? How can you tell?

The article appears to be presenting a negative view of people experiencing homelessness. The headline of the article is focused on Mr Priestly and the number of children he has, rather than the issue of homelessness. The article makes no mention of the issues and disadvantages that people experiencing homelessness face, instead focusing on trivial matters.

SYNTHESIS QUESTIONS

What are the similarities and differences between these two articles?

The articles have differing perspectives on people experiencing homelessness. The first article focuses on strategies to tackle homelessness and the benefits of finding a solution. The second article focuses on one man experiencing homelessness and irrelevant facts about his life.