

LESSON 1

Hilleman Film

Hilleman & Vaccines

Student Pages

HILLEMAN Community Discussion Guide

Use this guide to facilitate a book-club style audience conversation. Questions can help focus the conversation on the wonder of scientific discovery and the positive impact of vaccines on public health.

- What surprised you the most about the film?
- Were you already familiar with all of the different diseases and their effects that were shown in the film? If not, which diseases did you not know much about and why do you think you didn't know about them?
- What were some moments in the film that stood out to you? Why?
- What moments in Dr. Hillman's life do you think were most pivotal for him? How do you think the story of his life would have changed had those episodes or events not taken place?
- How important is the setting and time period to the story of Dr. Hilleman's life and work? Do you think his story would have played out the same way in a different setting or time period?
- How important a role do you think Dr. Hilleman's personality played in his ability to achieve his goals?
- Were you surprised by the way that Dr. Hilleman and other scientists in the film talked about vaccine safety? What struck you about their behaviors concerning vaccine safety?
- Dr. Hilleman expressed his belief that some vaccine preventable diseases would have to make a resurgence for people to realize how dangerous they are. Do you agree or do you think there are other ways to help people realize how dangerous the diseases can be?

To keep the discussion focused on the film, questions about vaccines or vaccine safety can be directed to the Vaccine Education Center (VEC) website which provides complete, up-to-date and reliable information about vaccines and the diseases they prevent.

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