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## ***CONTAGION-2011 v. COVID-2019***

1. a. Which country was Beth (Gwyneth Paltrow) visiting that seems like the place she acquired the infection? \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Where did COVID-19 originate? \_\_\_\_\_
  
2. a. What symptoms did we see people exhibit that indicated that they were sick?  
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- b. What are the main symptoms of COVID-19? \_\_\_\_\_
  
3. So far, what are some ways the movie is showing that the virus has been passed on to others? (look familiar?)  
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4. Dr. Ellis Cheever (Laurence Fishburne) works for the CDC. What does "CDC" stand for?  
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5. a. Although he has only been in the movie for a couple of scenes, what does Alan Krumwiede (Jude Law) do for a living? \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Alan makes mention of Minamata. Do a quick search and provide some information about what he was making reference to.  
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6. Dr. Leonora Orantes (Marion Cotillard) works for the WHO. The WHO is the directing and coordinating authority for health within the United Nations system. It is responsible for providing leadership on global health matters, shaping the health research agenda, providing technical support to countries and monitoring and assessing health trends. What does "WHO" stand for?  
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7. Which part of Beth's anatomy was examined that made doctors concerned that they needed to contact "everyone"? \_\_\_\_\_
8. a. Dr. Erin Mears (Kate Winslet) explains the R-naught number. What does this number indicate about a disease?  
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- b. There really hasn't been mention of "R-naught" with COVID. What statistic is being used in place of R-naught when you hear about COVID in the news? \_\_\_\_\_
9. a. Which two animals do they think the virus came from? \_\_\_\_\_
- b. And for that matter... COVID? \_\_\_\_\_ hmmm....
10. Dr. Sussman is explained to be the expert when it comes to understanding viruses. He was independently trying to study the virus but was told to shut down his operation to find a vaccine because the virus was just too dangerous to work with. When told to destroy the viruses he was studying, what did he do?  
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11. What is "Forsythia" that Alan (Jude Law) tells the hedge-fund investor in the park and then blogs about on his website?  
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12. Why doesn't Mitch (Matt Damon) get sick? \_\_\_\_\_
13. a. What problem did Mitch confront at the funeral home? \_\_\_\_\_
- b. People had to (and still have to) deal with the tragedies related to COVID. How has COVID affected traditional death-related services?  
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14. Where (in what setting) does it look like Beth passed on the virus to others? \_\_\_\_\_

15. It looks like Beth (Gwyneth Paltrow) is “patient zero”. What do you think that means?

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16. Dr. Leonora Orantes (Marion Cotillard) of the WHO is kidnapped by her contact in Hong Kong. When she asks him why they are doing this to her, what reason does he give her?

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17. a. Because of the limited supply of “Forsythia” that Alan is promoting, what happens at the pharmacy, the food line, and elsewhere around the city at this point in the movie?

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b. Put aside the other reasons for social unrest in our society today. What actions by people over the last 8 months parallel what the movie dramatizes?

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18. a. Mitch is trying to get to Wisconsin, but can't. What does this scene mirror about New York's current travel policy?

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b. Do you think this is a movie over-dramatization, or a possible reality?

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19. a. What happened to Dr. Mears? \_\_\_\_\_

b. Dr. Mears is just one person in this story. Who do you think her character is symbolic of in real life?

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20. Remembering that Alan is a conspiracy theorist and has his own agenda, who does Alan suggest that the WHO is “in bed” with during the television interview?

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21. How does Dr. Cheever (Laurence Fishburne) cause trouble for himself?

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22. How were the preliminary vaccines being tested?

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23. a. Why does Mitch get angry with his daughter, Jory? \_\_\_\_\_

b. What does this scene reflect about conflicts people are having with protocols put in place because of COVID?

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24. Dr. Hextall is on the phone explaining the steps needed to make a vaccine available to the public. She then injects herself with vaccine #57. Why does she do this?

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25. a. How does the government end up deciding who gets the vaccination first? \_\_\_\_\_

b. What have you heard about the efficacy of a couple of the vaccines that are being developed as you read this?

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c. In the past, when we watched this movie, I always explained that the “rushing” of the vaccine as shown in the movie is not normally what occurs in reality, but look at how fast we are hearing about possible vaccines. What are your feelings / how do you think other people will react to a vaccine being ready for general population in the upcoming month or so?

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25. Why is Alan arrested? \_\_\_\_\_  
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26. Dr. Orantes is set free from her kidnappers. Why do you think she frantically runs from the airport?  
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27. What admirable action does Dr. Cheever do with the vaccination that was meant for him?  
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28. Antibodies are disease-specific proteins that help fight off infections and can help provide protection against that disease again (“immunity”). Antibodies may not appear in a blood test until 1-3 weeks after an infection has subsided. What does the lack of antibodies in Alan’s blood test reveal?  
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29. Sooo... the movie started on “Day 2”. What events happened leading up to “Day 1” as shown at the end of the movie? (In other words, explain the all the events that led up to Beth becoming infected. Just to remind you, AIMM is the company Beth worked for.)  
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30. Who was the real patient zero? \_\_\_\_\_