

Seinfeld Clip Transcript

During the 6 minute clip, the teacher asks 25 questions of his high school social studies class. Of the responses given by the students, only a couple, are the answers that the teacher is looking for. Despite the fact that this was a skit from Saturday Night Live, it's all too familiar to those of us who have ever been in front of a group of children who may have received less than perfect instruction.

Here are the 25 questions asked in the clip. Let's look at the questions in relation to the Depths of Knowledge, and their value as questions in general. What would you have asked the students instead?

Now is everybody with me on this?

Let's talk about the Lend-Lease Act and the Battle of Britain. How are these two things linked in history?

Everybody with me?

Roosevelt said that America must be the great arsenal of Democracy.

What did Roosevelt mean by that? We must be the great arsenal- what did he mean by that?

What country did Roosevelt want to supply with weapons?

Who can tell me?

We're talking about the Battle of _____?

Roosevelt wants to help Britain in the war against who?

Who is Britain at war with?

What was happening in Europe in the 1930s?

Let me put it this way, in the decade before World War II, what was happening in Europe?

What political group was in power at the time?

Name some of the countries in Europe besides France.

Let's look at the map up here. Where is Europe on the map?

Anyone?

Is this Europe? Show of hands, is this Europe?

What are some of the countries in Europe?

Can someone name another?

What political group was in power in Germany at this time?

How many of you saw "Raiders of the Lost Ark"?

Who, in the movie, was Indiana Jones fighting besides the snakes?

He was fighting the na-na-na-na Nazis!

What did the Nazis do? Let's think!

The Nazis were in power in Germany. Who was England at war with during the Battle of Britain?

Not France, but...??

