

Medicine Man

Answers should be typed in complete sentences and paragraphs, but do not need to be in one long essay; you can write #1: and then your answer.

1. Summarize the movie. Describe the main characters, the plot, and the climax.
2. a. What effect could a foreigner have on a native tribe in the rainforest? Why?
b. Why is Dr. Campbell resistant to Aston setting up a laboratory in the rainforest? (It relates to his history and why he's a recluse now.)
3. Dr. Crane received the Maxwell Thurman award in 1982 and 1986. What is the Thurman award and why is it awarded? (You'll have to do research on this. Use Google and type in "Maxwell Thurman award")
4. What scientific tool does Dr. Crane use to analyze the component Dr. Campbell is testing? What are her results (where does the component come from, can it be synthesized, etc)?
5. The native woman called Dr. Campbell a "depswa." What does it mean and why did she call them that? (Paraphrase the story Dr. Campbell tells to Dr. Crane.)
6. What is the cure for cancer, according to Dr. Campbell in the middle of the movie? Where does it grow? How does the tribe ingest the flower?
7. Why did Dr. Campbell move to that particular region of the rainforest?
8. Why does Dr. Campbell think he's a monster? From what and where is he hiding?
9. According to Dr. Campbell, what is science all about? Do you agree or disagree and why?
10. Would you have given the serum to the sick boy or saved it for the world? Why?
11. Where does the new baseline come from and what is its significance? (What is causing peak 37?)
12. What is your reaction to the movie? Did you like it or dislike it? Why?
13. Why do you think the producer and the director made this film? What is the message they are trying to tell people? Is it an important message?