

"Miracle on Ice," A Cold War Story

1. The film begins with various events occurring during what decade? List 2 specific events that are related to the Cold War.
2. What year does the film begin in?
3. During his interview with the Olympic Committee, Herb says, "The only way we can compete with _____ bloc teams is if we change."
4. What goal does Herb express during his interview?
5. After selecting the roster only one day into tryouts, what type of player does Herb say he's looking for?
6. During their wait in the gas line, what do Craig and Doc hear on the radio? What does Doc say about future relations between the US and Soviet Union?
7. Why does Doc say that Herb is treating the team so harshly?
8. What is the outcome of the game in Oslo, Norway? How does Herb react?
9. Herb used some "tough love" with his team. Did you agree with his methods? How would you have responded if you were on the team? Would you have done things differently if you were coach?
10. What news announcement distracts Herb while on the phone with his wife?
11. While watching film of the Soviets, the team jokes that they never smile. Why?
12. What does Herb say is the Soviets main weapon? The team that is willing to _____ is the team that has a chance to put them down.
13. What happened to Herb 1 week before the 1960's Olympics?

14. What event does Herb worry will prevent the Soviet Union from competing in the Lake Placid Olympics?

15. What is the significance of the game against the IHL All Stars?

16. Following the Christmas party, you hear one of Jimmy Carter's most famous speeches, "Crisis of Confidence." Fill in the blanks.

The erosion of our _____ in the future is _____ to destroy the social and the political fabric of _____.

The confidence that we have always had as a people is not simply some romantic dream or a proverb in a dusty book that we read just on the Fourth of July.

It is the idea which founded our nation and has guided our development as a people. Confidence in the future has supported everything else – public institutions and private enterprise, our own families, and the very _____ of the United States. Confidence has defined our course and has served as a link between generations. We've always believed in something called _____. We've always had a faith that the days of our children would be better than _____.

17. What is the outcome of the game against the Soviets in New York City 3 days before the Olympic Games?

18. Which Olympics Games are they playing in (# Olympics, the year, location)?

19. Herb's wife explains to him at the ice rink that "this is more than a hockey game for a lot of people." What did she mean?

20. Why is this event called the "miracle on ice?"

21. Did you feel the film was fair in its portrayal of the Soviet team, particularly the coach?

22. Did you feel that the political and patriotic elements were appropriate? How do you think a non-American audience would react to the film?

"11 seconds, you've got 10 seconds, the countdown going on right now! Tomorrow, up to Silk. 5 seconds left in the game.

Do you believe in miracles? YES!"