

Discussion questions for use with the animated short: "A Brief History of Rubber"

1. Rubber is already used in many ways. What is a new way in which rubber might be used?
2. Greed caused King Leopold and others to be very cruel. In what ways does greed still affect our economy? Be sure to consider producers and consumers of rubber.
3. "Necessity is the mother of all invention" is a well-known phrase. Consider the information in the video and discuss the accuracy of this saying.
4. How would your life be different if rubber did not exist?
5. Being kind to our environment is important. What are some new ways in which rubber could be reused? What problems might someone run into when trying to recycle rubber?
6. Were the Ancient Mayans scientists?
7. How would you create or find a substitute for rubber?
8. Discuss the ideas of Experimentation and Invention. How are they similar? How do they differ?