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EPISODE

**Emergency
Management**

**Common Core
State Anchor
Standards**

**Comprehension and
Collaboration**

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Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.

**Presentation of
Knowledge and Ideas**

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Present information, findings, and supporting evidence so that listeners can follow the line of reasoning and so that the organization, development, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.

**EXTEND: POST-GAME
DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

LESSON DURATION

10–20 minutes

**SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL
LEARNING COMPETENCY**

- Social Awareness

EDUCATOR PREP

Discussion Facilitation Strategies:

- Whole group
- Turn and Talk
- Small group
- Fish bowl
- Independent

EPISODE CHALLENGE

It's the day after Hurricane Dante hit Port Douglas, and you're busy running the city's online news magazine, *The Daily Byte*. You need to get vital news and information out to the struggling community while managing a staff who are dealing with the effects of the storm. As the Editor-in-Chief, you must decide the best way to do this: Twitter or flyers.

Conversation Starters



- “I agree with you because ____.”
- “I disagree with you because ____.”
- “Could you tell me more about why ____?”
- “What did you mean when you said ____?”
- “Have you considered ____?”
- “Adding to what you said...”
- “Can you give an example?”
- “What you said made me think about . . .”

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. Publisher Hilary Dubois texts you that today is a very important day for the magazine. Why is today especially important?** *A major hurricane has hit Port Douglas, knocking out electricity for many. People need The Daily Byte more than ever, yet, to reach its readers, it has to overcome big obstacles imposed by the storm.*
- 2. As Editor-in-Chief of Port Douglas's leading newspaper, what helpful contribution can you make in the aftermath of Hurricane Dante?** *Answers will vary. Possible answers include: I can make sure everyone gets important storm-related news; I can publish stories to make people aware of what is going well or poorly in the recovery process.*
- 3. As Editor-in-Chief, you continue to ask your staff how they weathered the storm and how their families are doing. Why is it important to do this even though you are very busy dealing with reporting storm news?** *Answers will vary, but students should realize that: Besides really caring about staff, an effective manager takes time to address employees' concerns and looks for ways to keep them happy and productive.*

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS (continued)

4. What was the major reason you decided to use posters or Twitter to get out important information?

Answers will vary. Possible answers include: I didn't know how many people used Twitter but everyone can read a poster and pass on the news; I thought Tweeting info would probably reach a lot more people faster than putting info up on a few posters.

5. When you are faced with a problem that you know has no perfect solution, what do you do? Answers will vary. Possible answer includes: I make a list of possible ways to solve the problem and discuss the pros and cons of each option with people I trust.