

English II

If a Tree Falls Documentary

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1. The word terrorism is a loaded word in our society, particularly since 9/11. How do you define terrorism in your mind? Do you think the judge was correct in labeling Daniel McGowan - and the Earth Liberation Front - as a terrorist? Elaborate on your answer.

2. When viewing the first part of the film today, did you fault the police's tactics against the protesters? Elaborate on your answer.

3. What do you think the perspective of the director and producer of this documentary is on the acts of the Earth Liberation Front? What makes you believe what you do about his perspective - i.e. what can you gather from the cinematography, the music, the interviews included, etc about his opinion? Elaborate on your answers.

4. What do you think about the decision Suzanne - Daniel's ex girlfriend - makes to testify against other members of the Earth Liberation Front? What allegiances are in conflict for her as she makes this decision? What does her attitude seem to be towards her decision? Elaborate on your answers.

5. What made the Earth Liberation Front turn to arson as a tactic? What seems to be their main purpose or cause? Elaborate on your answer.

6. Much of this documentary seems to center on the question of what kind of protest is acceptable? What do you think about the acts the Earth Liberation Front committed? Where is the line on acceptable and unacceptable forms of protest? Elaborate on your answers.

7. Make at least two connections between this documentary and decisions that people made to follow moral law or civil law with Antigone. Cite evidence from both the film and the essay.