Worksheet for class videos

’Baron wants castle-trained wife to give him a male heir’ (5 minutes)

1. Why does Sir Ben’s wife need to be ‘quite on the young side’?
2. Sir Ben wants to ‘go out having fun’. What do you imagine this might entail? (How do members of the aristocracy in Britain spend their spare time?)
3. Comment on the phrase ‘breeder’. What does this mean?
4. Comment on the phrase ‘heir and spare’. What does this mean?
5. Why do you think Sir Ben would prefer a *male* heir?
6. Comment on the following selection criteria – why do you think Sir Ben has these criteria?

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    a. A shotgun license:
    b. A helicopter license:
    c. Armorial bearings:
    d. Don’t mind if they’ve bred before:
    e. A little private capital and income would be helpful, a large fortune would be a lot more helpful:
    f. *Guardian* readers need not apply:
    g. Scorpio women need n ot apply:
    h. Anyone under 5ft 6in need not apply:
    i. Must not be from a country that begins with the letter “I” or has green in the country’s flag:

Vicky Pollard in a counselling session (2 minutes, 36 seconds)

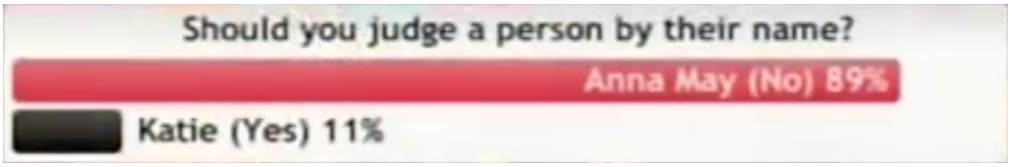
1. Explain the meaning of this comment: ‘Of course in America, she would be considered a member of the aristocracy’
2. Describe Vicky Pollard’s appearance. How does she conform to the stereotype of poor working-class Brits?
3. How does Vicky Pollard’s speech reflect her social status? (Give specific examples).
4. On the issue of education, Vicky Pollard says she ‘went there once’ (=to school). She mentions courses such as biometry, histography. What does this suggest about her?
5. Comment on the phrase ‘I tried drugs once for, like, eight years’.
6. Comment on the phrase ‘I am a very trying person’ (you will want to look up the word ‘trying’).
7. Look up the word ‘chav’ and decide: is Vicky Pollard a chav?

Katie Hopkins and Holly Willoughby in class argument (9 minutes, 40 seconds)

1. Characterise Holly Willoughby’s accent (Willoughby is the interviewer). Based on her accent, what class do you think she belongs to?
2. Do you think it is true that you can tell a lot about a person based on the person’s name?
3. Why does Katie Hopkins not want her children to play with other children called ‘Tyler’, ‘Chantelle’ or ‘Charmaine’?
4. Anna May Mangan uses several phrases to express her opinion of Katie Hopkins. Look up the following words and consider whether they seem to you to fit Hopkins:

a. Snort-worthy:
b. Insufferable snob:
c. Snooty:
d. Old-fashioned:
e. Cruel:

5. Holly Willoughby suggests that Katie Hopkins' opinions are 'restricting her children'. Do you agree? If you agree, how is this the case?
6. Do you think it is right that 'snobs attract snobs' (as Mangan claims)?
7. What did Katie Hopkins call her own daughters? Comment on these names.
8. Do the numbers in the poll below surprise you?



9. Describe Katie Hopkins, using three adjectives – school-appropriate ones!

If you have more time: Apply the rhetorical pentagram to the three videos.