

Global Inequality Lesson 4 Misinformation and Polio

Video Worksheet: The Last Few Polio Survivors

What age does polio usually affect people?
• Children • Adults • Seniors • Any age
What did the polio disease do to Paul?
• Caused paralysis in Paul's arms and legs and fortunately nowhere else • Caused Paul to lose his use of speech and later on his hearing • Caused paralysis, destroyed muscles so Paul couldn't move his arms or legs or breathe • Caused Paul to sleep for over 40 years and he woke up in his fifties
How old was Paul when he first got polio?
• 2 years old • 4 years old • 6 years old • 10 years old • 15 years old • An adult
What did scared parents do to try to stop the threat of polio?
• Kept their children from playing with others and shut pools, theatres, schools • Moved with their children to rural areas where polio was less likely to spread • Did nothing and instead waited for health experts to give directions • Wrote letters to their doctors asking for information on this deadly disease
Is there a cure for polio today?
• Yes • No • Maybe • In some countries
How does the iron lung help Paul?
• The iron lung massages Paul's limbs to help him gain muscle to walk • The iron lung helps Paul breathe by sending pure oxygen to Paul's lungs • The iron lung helps Paul sleep better • The iron lung helps Paul breathe by using negative pressure to help him take in air
What was Paul able to accomplish in his life even with polio?
• Paul became a teacher with thousands of students • Paul became a lawyer with thousands of clients • Paul became a doctor with thousands of patients

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- Paul became a professor and gives lectures to thousands of students on polio

Iron lungs are now considered antique equipment. What challenge has this posed for Paul?

- Paul struggles to be comfortable in this old iron lung
- Paul struggles to find space for this large piece of equipment in his work setting
- Paul struggles to find people who know how to repair his iron lung
- All of the above

What could happen in the future if more and more children do not get immunized against polio?

Complete the SIT activity below about what you learnt from the video. What stood out for you as the most:

Surprising-

Inspiring-

Troubling-