Avatar Movie Questions

Content Questions (to be answered while the movie is playing). Answer each in 1 COMPLETE sentence.

1. Jake Sully is a soldier, why is he working as a scientist?

2. What was Tommy’s job? Why is Jake a perfect fit to take Tommy’s place?

3. How long until a human dies from the atmosphere on Pandora? How do people survive on Pandora?

4. What does the head of security say about Pandora and the Na’vi?

5. What is an avatar?

6. What purpose are the avatars and science team lead by Grace supposed to serve?

7. What are humans doing on Pandora?

8. What does the weaponry shown say about how the humans deal with problems on Pandora?
9. Why did the Colonel want to talk to Jake? What deal did the Colonel make with Jake?

10. How would you describe the natural environment on Pandora?

11. Why does the Na’vi female say the Sully is “stupid like a baby”/“ignorant like a child”?

12. How would you describe the culture/society of the Na’vi?

13. ”Find out what the Blue Monkey’s want.” What does this quote say about how humans view the Na’vi? How does this relate to imperialism?

14. What kind of relationship do the Na’vi have with nature? What does the sahayloo represent?

15. What is Taruk Maktow, and why is it important to the Na’vi?

16. What is the symbolism of the bulldozers destroying the trees?

17. Why, in your opinion, does Jake side with the Na’vi?
18. “**You throw a stick** in the air around here it falls on something sacred …”. How is this quote true about the Na’vi and Pandora?

19. ”When people are sitting on stuff that you want, you make ’em your enemy. Then you justify taking it.” How does this relate to imperialism?

20. How is the destruction of Hometree more than just the destruction of a tree?

21. Why do you think Trudy sided with the Na’vi?

22. What does it say about Ewah, if Grace (a human), can “be with” Ewah?

23. Why is gathering the clans and fighting the only option for the Na’vi?

24. Why is a preemptive strike the only option for the humans?

25. What does Jake tell Ewah about Earth/humans? OR What does he ask Ewah to do?

26. Why doesn’t Ewah take sides?
27. Describe the final battle? What tactics are used? What role does technology play in this battle?

28. How does Ewah respond to Jake’s prayer?

29. Does Jake betray his own race, as the Colonel implies?

30. When Jake says “the Aliens returned to their dying world,” who is he referring to? Why is this a crucial statement?

**Overall Theme and Context Questions (to be answered as instructed. You will be told how many of these you have to answer and when) Answer each in 2-3 COMPLETE sentences.**

1. What does Jake’s experience during his 1st night on Pandora symbolize?

2. What role does technology play in the film?

3. How do you see the motives of imperialism in the film? (Economic competition, racism, national pride, etc.)

4. How does the technology of the humans and Na’vi compare?
5. How is Jake our window into the Na’vi and Pandora?

6. How does being in an avatar give Jake an unique perspective on the Na’vi and Pandora?

7. What would be a better way to handle acquiring the natural resource unobtainium?

8. Would the story have worked if Jake was not an Avatar (i.e. Jake is just a normal. Human interacting with the Na’vi)?

9. If the company represents big business, the military represents the government and the Na’vi represents the 3rd work, who do you think Jake Sully represents?

10. Who are the good and bad guys in Avatar?

11. Compare the imperialism in Avatar to the imperialism we have discussed in the notes. Provide at least one specific example from the notes AND the film?
Final Question (to be answered at the end of the film). (Answer in 5-6 COMPLETE sentences.)

How do you see imperialism in Avatar? Is imperialism portrayed as a good or bad thing?