Discussion questions for Rising Out of Hatred

What did you think of the students' response to Derek when they learned of his beliefs? How would you have responded to him?

What do you think made the greatest difference in shifting his views? Would others have responded similarly if exposed to the same events, or was he unique in this way?

Did it surprise you to learn more about the white nationalist movement?

How has family influenced Derek's ideology?

What role does Derek's family play in his ideological transformation?

How has Derek's nonfamily community, both white nationalist and at college, influenced his ideology?

What role does that community play in his ideological transformation?

How do you think white nationalist ideology has been embraced by some public figures and politicians?