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Video Discussion Questions

"Behind the Scenes: The Evil Swirling Darkness"

1. What is the likely intended effect of including the section about author Lauren Tarshis's visit to Joplin (0:50-1:33)?

2. Lauren explains that focusing a narrative nonfiction article on a particular person helps her tell the story "with as much impact as possible" (2:31-2:49). Why might this be the case?

3. Describe the difference between the mood at the beginning of the video (0:09-0:49) and the mood at the end (3:19-4:05). Consider the narration, music, and visuals. What might this shift in mood convey?

4. In your own words, describe a central idea of "Behind the Scenes: The Evil Swirling Darkness." Give two examples from the video that support that idea.