Human Planet

Cities: Surviving the Urban Jungle

Dubai: The Ultimate Modern City

1. What animal is causing trouble? What’s the problem?

2. Why does David use falcons to deal with the pests?

3. Each bird can produce \_\_\_ kilos (26 lbs) of mess (poop) a year.

Estes Park, Colorado

4. Why do the female elk like to live in the city?

5. What is Sgt. Schumacher’s biggest challenge during the season? (Hint: it’s not the elk)

Jaipur, India

6. Who are the street gangs in Jaipur?

7. Why do the gangs live in the city instead of the jungle?

8. Why don’t they just exterminate the gangs?

New York, New York

9. How many rats are believed to live in New York?

London, England

10. What’s bothering the people of London?

11. What are they attracted to? (How do they find their prey?)

12. How do the pests get from city to city?

Fez, Morocco

13. Why do the people of Fez invite the pigeons in?

14. Why do they need the secret ingredient to make the leather? (What does it do to the leather?)

Austin, Texas

15. Why are the bats helpful? (2 reasons)

a.

b.

16. Why do cities need Nature?

17. How many humans live in cities?

18. What is the featured consequence of our consumption?

Mombasa, Kenya

19. How does the featured family make a living?

Reflect on the Film

Consider these questions and then reflect on what you saw:

- Which section was most startling/gross?

- How do the problems in each city compare to your problems?

- Do you think cities are good or bad for the natural world? Why or why not?