

Pushing the Limits of Nature Featured Video and Discussion Questions

In our environments or within ourselves, the idea of "natural" is complicated. In your discussions consider how we define nature, and if that definition is fixed or in flux.

Cameron Clapp

Cameron is a natural risk-taker, boldly rushing into situations where others might think twice. He's pushed the limits of NATURE his whole life. It could be argued that this aspect of his nature led to his tragic accident. Throughout Cameron's poignant story, you find yourself wondering if every person has their own inborn nature. And if so, is it possible to override some of that programming?

- What did you think of Cameron?
- What did you think about the parallels between Cameron and Jesse's personalities? Is risk-taking part of one's nature? Are we born with a certain nature already baked-in?
- What do you think of his prosthetics' technologies? Any thoughts on the kinds of technologies and understandings that need to be incorporated into the development of these new prosthetics?
- Have people heard of the debates in athletics about whether those with prosthetics should be allowed to compete with "natural" athletes? Can these prosthetics be thought of as improvements? Where do we draw the line between natural and science-assisted?