**Invisible City**

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1. What are the issues faced by Kendell and Mikey? What are the issues for the mothers?
2. What does it mean to be a man for Kendell and Mikey?
3. Why do you think that Ainsworth is a central character in this film? What does he provide for Mikey and Kendell that their families do not?
4. Kendell and Mikey are having difficulty staying on the right path. What do you think is causing this despite their intentions to do otherwise?
5. What are your impressions of the relationship between the young men and their mothers? The young men and their fathers? Which relationship has more to do with the current state of their lives and why?
6. “I didn’t want to keep on the wrong path… In a way it is hard for me to do. All of my friends, what are they going to think of me. Some of them might think I am soft.”
   * What do you think Mikey means about being soft? Does this exist in your community? In your school?
7. “When I was born, it was sworn that I was neva gone be shit. Had to make moves started out selling dime and nicks.” (Rap poem on Kendell’s wall)

* Does this reflect how Kendell might feel about his life and place in the community? Why? Use evidence from the film as well as your own knowledge or experience to answer.

1. “I have to wake up every day and need to make sure I keep myself level headed and not get negative on myself. I had a lot of anger; not really mad at anybody, just mad at myself.”

* What do you think Kendell is angry about? How do you think this anger has affected his life and relationships?

1. “Most of my friends, we all said, where we going to go, I’m going to do this, we’re never going to sell drugs, not half of them can’t say that.” Kendell in Grade 10

* How does this reflect one of Mikey and Kendell’s biggest challenges?

1. “Jermaine was a student here and was shot seven times the other day… When you are a product of the projects, you’ve been to more funerals than weddings… I see how the cycle continues; his daughter was born a couple of days after he was shot. She will never know him.”

* What is the ‘cycle’ Ainsworth refers to? What effect does this ‘cycle’ have on the community?