

Question Sheet 39: Swamp Rat



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Unfortunately, we are sometimes a victim of stereotypes. This stereotyping affects how others perceive and act towards us and subsequently how we behave to them also. For example, because he lives at the bottom of the hill in the swamp, many people in town make certain assumptions about Lockie and his family; Lockie is even known as Swamp Rat (see Episode 20).

View the clip '**Assumptions about boys**' from the **Lockie Leonard** series and answer the following questions in the space provided.

1	What assumptions are made about Lockie's family because of the house they are given to live in by the government?	
2	▪ What do you make of Squasher's claims about boys?	
	▪ Do you think he is correct? Why?	
	▪ Do all the boys you know fit into his image of boys?	
3	Is it really fair to say that all boys fit the stereotype he has in his head?	
4	How does this stereotype affect Squasher's behaviour towards Lockie?	