

ORIGIN
OF
EVERYTHING

EPISODES 1-20

EPISODE 1

Origin of Handwashing

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Vocabulary

A. Select the appropriate word that corresponds with its meaning.

1.	what you think is true or real; something you strongly accept.
2.	choosing not to stay angry at someone who did something wrong; letting go of hurt.
3.	a way of describing something by saying it is something else to show a strong idea or picture.
4.	a medical doctor.
5.	when something dirty or harmful (like germs) gets into or onto something clean.

PHYSICIAN BELIEF CONTAMINATION FORGIVENESS METAPHOR

Vocabulary

B. Select the appropriate word that corresponds with its meaning.

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| 1. | The history of handwashing shows how new knowledge can threaten existing ____. |
| 2. | In some Buddhist traditions, water is poured over a deceased person's hands as a sign of ____. |
| 3. | Handwashing existed as a religious ____ long before it was linked to health. |
| 4. | Dr. Ignaz Semmelweis, a Hungarian obstetrician, pushed ____ to wash with chlorinated lime. |
| 5. | After a pathologist died from a post-autopsy infection, Semmelweis suspected ____. |

metaphor contamination physicians forgiveness beliefs

Comprehension Questions

C. Answer the questions

#01

Which group had more deaths in Semmelweis's study?

- A. The midwives' ward
- B. The doctors' ward
- C. Both were the same

#02

What did Semmelweis ask people to use for washing?

- A. Plain water
- B. Chlorinated lime solution
- C. Perfume

Comprehension Questions

C. Answer the questions

#03

Who helped explain germs and pasteurization?

- A. Louis Pasteur
- B. Isaac Newton
- C. Marie Curie

#04

What is the “Sommelweis reflex”?

- A. A fast way to wash hands
- B. A kind of hospital tool
- C. Saying “no” to new ideas because they are new

Comprehension Exercise

D. Choose T if the underlined word is correct, or replace the word if it is incorrect.

1. The English idiom “to wash your hands of something” traces back to the Hospital.
2. In the Book of Matthew, Pilate washes his hands to symbolize innocence.
3. In Judaism, people wash their hands and say a blessing before eating bread or matzo.
4. The link between handwashing and disease prevention emerged in the 19th century.
5. Louis Pasteur advanced germ theory and inspired pasteurization to control bacteria.

Discussion Questions

E. Answer the questions.

#01

What is one daily moment when you should always wash your hands? Why?

#02

Do any traditions in your family or community include washing? What is the meaning?



Discussion Questions

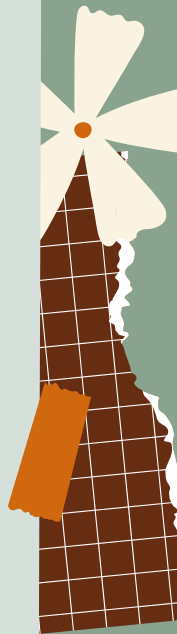
E. Answer the questions.

#03

Why do you think some people did not believe Semmelweis, even with results?

#04

Can you think of a modern idea people reject at first? Why might that happen?



Discussion Questions

E. Answer the questions.

#05

How would you teach a younger child the right way to wash hands?

#06

Should schools remind students to wash hands more often? How could they do it?

