



**Global Perspectives  
Government Unit  
ANTZ**

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**List of Major Characters:**

- Zee
- Azteca
- General Mandible
- Colonel Cutter
- The Queen
- Princess Bala
- Weaver
- Barbados

1. What are the two choices of jobs for larvae (baby ants)?

*Insignificant = unimportant, meaningless*

2. Describe Zee's job:

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3. Who is the leader of the ant colony?

4. What type of government does the ant colony have?

5. Which troops does the General want to send into battle with the termite army?

6. What does the Queen want to do instead of declaring war?

7. "Everyone has their place," said the Queen. What does she mean by this?

8. Which real word is "Insectopia" a play on? (Which word are they making a joke of?)

9. “Why does everyone have to dance in the same way?” asks Zee. How does this question let you know Zee’s views on government?

10. How does Zee get to see Princess Bala again?

**JUST THINK ABOUT THIS WORD: “Sacrifice”**

- **According to the General, the life of an individual ant doesn’t matter, only the colony does.**

11. Instead of attacking, Zee wants to “influence their political process with campaign contributions.” What do you think this means?

12. How does Barbados expect to win in the face of termites 5 times larger than the ants?

13. How is Azteca punished for talking back to the supervisor?

14. What happens to Barbados?

15. What is Barbados’s advice to Zee?

16. What is the end result of the war with the termites?

17. Why do you think that the General doesn’t want Zee to get too much applause?

18. For all the talk of “society” being the most important, you might think everyone would be equal, but they’re not. What is the social “ranking” or “ladder” of the ants? (In other words, who’s on top? Who’s on bottom?)

19. EXTRA CREDIT: “All we are saying is give Zee a chance. . .” What song is this a parody (joke) of and who wrote it?

20. How does the General try to discredit Zee or make him look bad?

21. How does the General try to bribe the workers?

22. Why does “Muffy” the wasp help the ants?

23. Why is Weaver being tortured?

**THINK ABOUT THE FOLLOWING QUOTES:**

- **“One individual ant doesn’t matter.”**
- **“For the good of the colony.”**
- **“Now you can see how dangerous individualism can be. . .it makes us vulnerable.”**

24. What is the “real” Insectopia?

25. Who makes all the decisions about the colony, according to the Princess?

26. A “coup d’etat” is an overthrow of a government. How does the General plan to do this?

27. The General says he is trying to wash away the filth and change history. Who is “the filth”?

28. Who said the following lines:

- “I am the colony!” \_\_\_\_\_
- “We are the colony!” \_\_\_\_\_

29. How do the ants prove that each individual is important?

**THINK ABOUT THIS SIGN: “Nothing Satisfies Like Work”**

30. Will you ever kill another ant again? (just kidding!)