

Chapter 2 - Gangs, Drugs and Prostitution

IT Activities

Watch the interview with Bret Easton Ellis, the author of *Less Than Zero*. Take notes while you listen and answer the questions below. Hand in the answers to your teacher.

Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8NmHpVkJFRBU>

1. During the interview Bret Easton Ellis (BEE) reveals that he is depressed/sad. Why is he depressed/sad?
2. BEE claims that he has often been attacked for ignoring the interviewer. Does he ignore the Alan Brough during the interview?
3. In what way is BEE's Australian booktour similar to the US?
4. Why is Ramona Koval "pissed" at BEE?
5. Why did BEE freeze when being interviewed by Ramona Koval?
6. What was BEE's answer to Ramona Koval's first question?
7. BEE claims that his booktour is an illusion. Explain.
8. What possessed BEE to write *Imperial Bedrooms*?
9. Where does novels come from according to BEE?
10. What does BEE refer to when he talks about empire and post empire?
11. In what way is BEE a better dramatist?
12. Why does BEE give the advice; "Never date a writer"?
13. Which novel and author inspired BEE to write *Less Than Zero*?
14. What was BEE's number one moment in his career?
15. Why is BEE disappointed with how the movie *The Informers* turned out?
16. What attracted BEE to work on the film *The Golden Suicides*?
17. What is BEE's opinion of *American Psycho II*?
18. Why do you think that the "idea" of the novel is changing?