N!AI lives among a group of !Kung San people in the Kalahari Desert of southern Africa. Her story is not so much about hunting and gathering in the Kalahari as it is a comparison of the past with the present as she lives it on a reservation set aside for the !Kung San. She describes a way of life affected by the arrival of South African white cultures and particularly by the South African government's efforts to "improve" or develop the !Kung San way of life. The film portrays events and ideas largely from the perspective of women as interpreted by N!AI.

It offers you a chance to become an ethnographer for a little while, using N!AI as your key informant. Your major "research" interest in this case is to understand how !Kung life has changed, and what factors may have caused the changes. N!AI describes conditions and events as she sees them. Her comments give you clues to analyze, along with what the camera shows you.

As you watch the film, then, have in mind the following questions:
1. How have the !Kung strategies for earning a living changed in the past forty years or so?
2. How have the people's aspirations changed; i.e., is it possible N!AI has hopes for her future that women would not have had thirty years earlier? Give examples.
3. How have interpersonal relationships in the camp changed? Are people more cooperative, for example?
4. How does N!AI feel about the preachings of a Christian missionary? What does this suggest about persistence of older beliefs, even in the face of widespread change?
5. In what ways have the South African government and/or missionaries tried to help the !Kung?
6. What has caused the changes in !Kung culture and social structure?
7. Objectively viewed, have these changes had a positive or a negative effect on !Kung life?
8. What might be done to improve the life of the !Kung (if you feel conditions are not now what they might be)? That is, what sorts of recommendations for improvement of the "development" effort might you (as a budding applied anthropologist) make to government officials who have hired you as a consultant? (This, by the way, is in real life one of several different types of professional services provided by anthropologists with specialized training.)