1. Describe the “modes of transmission” for this disease.

2. Describe what types of actions are taken in an attempt to “contain” the viral outbreak.

3. What things does the CDC (Center for Disease Control) & WHO (World Health Organization) have to consider when investigating what type of disease is causing this illness?

4. As it becomes evident that the MEV-1 virus will not be contained, describe the chaos that becomes a part of life as the virus spreads.

5. Describe how Ally (scientist) initially tests vaccine #57? How realistic do you think this method is based on the situation? Explain.
6. What role did social media play in the outbreak? Reflect upon the character played by Jude Law (Mr. Crumweedy).

7. Why does the CDC keep the MEV-1 virus in frozen storage (along with SARS & H1N1).

8. Who is “patient zero” and how was this person initially infected to start the entire pandemic?

9. Explain how it is possible that some people are immune to the MEV-1 virus (Example: patient zero’s husband).

10. A pandemic is a worldwide spread of a contagious disease. One of the deadliest flu pandemics in recent history occurred in 1918 killing 50 million people worldwide (675,000 in the US). Called the “Spanish Flu”, the viral strain was identified as H1N1. In 2009, another H1N1 pandemic occurred, with the virus presenting a slight variation in its genetic code as compared to the 1918 virus. This virus killed “only” 18,000 people worldwide. How likely do you think a virus outbreak like Contagion will occur in your lifetime? The future? Explain your answer.
