Life Under ‘Suicide Bridge’

Vocabulary

dubious - questionable, uncertain
aftermath - the period immediately after a terrible event
waterfront - area of a city next to the sea, lake, or river
outer - opposite of ‘inner’; one of two things that is outside the other
railing - a bar supported by posts
barrier - something that blocks or prevents movement
win (someone) over - persuade
stop (someone) cold - stop completely
advocate - supporter
track - follow
skeptics - people who doubt or disbelieve
scenic - having beautiful scenery
explicitly - clearly and fully expressed
aesthetic - relating to appearance
stymie - prevent, block
delude - trick, deceive
morbid - related to death
reputation - popular opinion about someone or something

Questions

1) The Aurora Bridge in _____________ is very popular for _____________.
What will the state government do about this? _________________________________
Why? _________________________________________________________________

2) Who are these people?

Martin Kaste
Barbi Fink
Brian Thurston
Derek Glasgow
Gary Spielman

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3) How old is the Aurora Bridge? _____________ How high is it? ____________

4) What is the number one bridge for suicides? _____________________________

5) Where do jumpers from the Aurora Bridge land? __________________________

6) Why do skeptics oppose barriers? ________________________________

7) What does Spielman prefer to barriers? ________________________________

8) Complete the sentences from one section of the broadcast, beginning at about 1:32.

    Thurston has had enough. He _____________ some of his _____________ and
    neighbors, and they _____________ the state to build a barrier. _____________
    about eight feet high and cost _____________ million dollars. They won the
    politicians over by _____________ that when suicidal people _____________ a
    barrier, it often stops them cold. “The _____________ shows that, you know, they’re
    not going to go elsewhere.” _____________ of the barrier point to a 1970s study that
    _____________ people after they’d been _____________ from jumping from the
    Golden Gate. It found that most of them did not go on to _____________ suicide
    later.