

VIDEO :

THE WALLS OF SHAME

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1st part: ⇒ **3'35**

❖ **The place**

1. Describe the landscape: **a desert – an arid, harsh, hot, unforgiving landscape**
2. Name of the place? Where is it? **Soronan Desert in the South West of the USA in Arizona.**
3. What is the issue concerning this place? (people / why here?) **It's a regional belt, a natural barrier dividing the 2 countries: USA/Mexico. Thousands of illegal immigrants cross the desert every year to avoid the steel walls. It represents a gateway to a better life.**

❖ **The 2 ladies**

4. Who are these two ladies? What are they doing there? **They are a volunteer and a physician who belong to the "Samaritans", a religious association rescuing illegal immigrants in desperate need of help because of the deadly condition in the desert.**
5. Who else patrols the desert? Why? **Border patrols are on the look out to stop this human traffic**
6. What sort of people cross the desert? **All sorts of people: it could be a child, man, grandmother, groups of people**
7. What are the hard conditions they are facing when crossing this desert? **They don't know the desert, they walk in circle and get lost. Some women are in high heel shoes, and they sometimes have only one bottle of water.**
8. What are their options? **They face death to avoid capture or they seek help and face deportation**

2nd part : ⇒ **7'34**

❖ **The migrant**

9. Who is this man? What are his feelings? **He's a Mexican, left behind as he couldn't keep up with the group he crossed with. He's crying; he's frightened, disorientated and exhausted.**
10. What has he decided to do? Why? **He's going to get arrested because he wants to go back to his country. He wishes he had stayed.**

11. What were the reasons for his leaving his country? **He owed money and he had to reimburse.**

❖ **The law**

12. Why don't the ladies take him in their car? **They can't keep him. Placing an illegal in their car they might face jail sentence.**

13. What does the law say? what are the penalties? **It is 5 years in prison for transporting an illegal for a ride and 10 years for conspiring against the government.**

14. Who do they call then? They **They can do nothing but call the border patrol.**

15. What will happen to the man? **He is arrested and will be deported back to the border. Zero tolerance.**

3rd part : \implies the end

16. What paradox are the USA facing concerning immigration? **It is a schizophrenic situation : you see signs "keep out" to warn immigrants not to enter the country and signs "help wanted" as some sectors of economy need large numbers of workers and there is no legal channels for these workers to enter the country.**

17. What happened in 2006? (Who? What decision?) **Under the Bush administration the "Secure fence act" was passed approving to build a wall between USA and Mexico. The border is 3000km long.**

18. How long is the wall? Where are the fences built? **1000 kms of wall and fences are built in cities and villages along the border. The desert was a natural barrier.**

19. What are the benefits of emigration to the USA for Mexico? **Immigrants send money home to their families so the country has no incentive to stop the flow.**

20. What is the sacrifice for families? **As immigrants have no legal status they can't move from a country to another. So they live far from their relatives, mother and kids are alone. It's a separation barrier.**

After answering the questions you can write a summary about this document