

Queering the Lone Star State
Episode 2 Guiding Questions

What were some of the arguments against including 21.06, the homosexual conduct law, in the new Texas penal code when it was being debated in 1973? Do these arguments seem persuasive?

Why did the new homosexual conduct law provide a justification for discrimination against queer Texans? How did the new law affect the *Risher v. Risher* custody trial?

How did the no-fault divorce revolution affect child custody decisions?

Do you think a jury should decide parental custody?

Was it fair for attorneys to ask Mary Jo Risher if she would give up her romantic life for her children?

During the *Risher v. Risher* custody trial, Dr. Robert Gordon expressed concern about the effect of two lesbian women on the gender development of Mary Jo's young son. Why did Dr. Gordon think the rules of parenting were different for two women raising a boy?

What do you think Mary Jo meant when she said her custody case could be a map for gay people?