

Film Review Questions

Name:

Date:

BEFORE WATCHING FILM

1. What is the name of the film?
2. When was the film made?
3. Who are the main actors? What films have they been in before?
4. What does the title suggest to you?

WHILE WATCHING THE FILM

Type of film: ___ documentary ___ fictional ___ cartoon ___ narrated ___ contemporary ___ other

Film segments: ___ chronological ___ descriptive ___ narrative ___ linear ___ continuous ___ organized

Viewing notes:

Characters	Main Events	Important Ideas Expressed in Film	Important Scenes	Special Film Editing (technique/shots/montage /sound effects/etc.)

POST FILM ACTIVITIES

Main Event Story Board

1. What interesting facts or ideas does the movie bring to mind? What other films have you seen which might bear on your understanding of this film? To what contemporary events does the film refer?

2. Do you remember a particular, concrete, or special object/image in one shot or throughout the film? What is its significance?

3. What is the basic argument of the film's plot? What themes (an abstraction or generalization about life, humanity, and human interactions) underlie the plot? What does the film show about the people and their values? What is the general set of assumptions upon which the film is based?

4. Who seems to narrate the film or what point of view seems to be presented?

5. Who are the film's main protagonists and antagonists? Why do they behave the way they do? What was the general theme of each character's development?

6. Does the film have any significant political dimensions and leanings? What is the role of cultural, social, political, and economic history in interpreting the movie's possible meanings? How are sexual orientation, race, religion, ethnicity, and nationality addressed in the film?
