

1.How and why was Phil trapped?

Phil, an arrogant weather forecaster, was sent to report the Groundhog Day festival in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania. Having grown tired of this assignment every year, he reluctantly gave the report and wanted to get out of town without thinking of the blizzard which closed the roads and shut down long-distance phone service, forcing the team to return to Punxsutawney and spend the night in the town. However, when he woke up he found that it was February 2 again. And it repeatedly continued the same situation every morning. So this was how Phil faced the time loop of waking up in the same morning all over again.

The reason why Phil was trapped in the time loop is to make him learn the meaning of life, to make him learn to love other people and to help people in the town instead of being self-centered as he was.

2. Is Groundhog Day a religious movie? Explain your answer.

Yes. Because this movie's objective is to promote the meaning of life of the protagonist, Phil. He is an arrogant, self-centered and selfish man. At first when he realized that he was trapped in the time loop. He just wanted to alter the consequence of his own life in crazy ways without thinking of long term consequences. But as he grew through the experiences, he learned that the meaning of life came from helping other people and loving other people. This implies spiritual theme of the movie by sustaining the meaning of human's life. In the movie, it shows when Phil did the right thing. It took him pass February 2 to the next day.

3. How would you characterize the phases that Phil goes through? What does he learn as a result of his experience?

At first, Phil decides to respond to the time loop to be a benefactor to just himself. He takes advantage of the situation without thinking of the consequences. Because he has already known that the time will reset itself. He risks his life and express in many insane way like stealing money, driving recklessly, getting thrown in jail or even seducing the women he likes but the consequences always end with failure. After that he begins to get tired of it. He even tries to kill himself but in the end nothing has changed. He will just simply wake up in the same morning on the Groundhog day. After he has experienced all of failures, he has finally found a goal for his trapped life. He figured it out to be a benefactor to others. Using his knowing of what will happen each day to help many people around town and save lives. Eventually, Phil is a friend with everyone in town, become a hero of town and win Rita's heart.

4. How is Phil's journey related to Existentialism?

Phil's journey is related to Existentialism in which Phil has to choose and be responsible for what he has chosen. All consequences were resulted from his actions. Phil has the meaning of his life from what he has done with living life to the fullest and helping other people. He is the only one who chooses to live the way he wants to live and the way he wants to be.

5. What would you do if you were trapped in a "Groundhog Day"?

If I were actually trapped in a Groundhog Day, I would naturally do like most of human do which is to help myself first as a benefactor to myself. I would go back

and change some causes which are going to change the consequences of everyday.

Even I would wake up in every the same day as before at least I knew that I had done the best of myself of each day. Maybe later I would learn to help other people like Phil did.

6. What does your answer to the previous question say about your beliefs about the meaning of life?

The answer to the previous question indicates that I believe that every action is resulted from what I have done. My life depends on my actions. If I do my best, I will get my best. If I do nothing, I will get nothing. All consequences have individual causes. The meaning of life is based on my own actions.