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Groundhog Day and existentialism

1. How and why was Phil trapped?
2. Is Groundhog Day a religious movie? Explain your answer.
3. How would you characterize the phases that Phil goes through? What does he learn as a result of his experience?
4. How is Phil's journey related to Existentialism?
5. What would you do if you were trapped in a "Groundhog Day"
6. What does your answer to the previous question say about your beliefs about the meaning of life?

Answer:

1. Phil is a weather reporter in Pittsburgh who is self-centered and never care about other people was sent to cover the Groundhog Day story in Punxsutawney for the fourth time. Phil was disappointment and get exhausted of his job because he thought Groundhog Day is absurd. Fortunately, at one night in this town, Phil discovered an unbelievable situation that has occurred to him. He woke up in the same day which is 2nd February or Groundhog again and again. He felt like yesterday never gone and tomorrow will never come. He was trapped in a time loop, living in a life that have only one day. Everyday of Phil is the same; he live until knowing what will happen in that day which he took some advantages on it. Finally he got exhausted of his one day life and intends to end his life with many different ways of suicide but it has failed. In the end, he tries to change his attitude and being nice to other

people.

2. It looks like religious movie because the purpose of this movie tries to convey the point of view as the religious teach us. It teaches people to appreciate with life and act morally because we don't know what will happen tomorrow. You can only do the present with your faith in good to make everyday of your life be value. The hot sentence in the movie is "what if there were no tomorrow".

3. Present is thing we really face. We can't change time or choose to live in the past or the future. He gets stuck with the present and can't get out of it. He can't enjoy his life so he has to make some change in his life. After this situation, he has learn the value of life, life depend on us. It up to you what life you want to be and does you try to get it. He started to open his mind welcome for the other people with sincerity nice to others.

4. Phil's journey is related to existentialism in many ways. One reason is because he stuck with time loop, anything isn't important except himself. He can do whatever he want and there would be no consequences. He can do bad action or good action, and he choose to do good action. He realizes what really important to his life, it not outside him but it was his soul. Existentialism is all about human acting, feeling and attitude which determine the true value of life.

5. If I got trapped in Groundhog day, I would begin my day with different thing. I will do the thing that I never do before, I will go around the city and do all crazy things, I will talk to everyone I want and get the different perspective of people. I would do something value to the society.

6. In my own perspective, life is just the pain. We born and in the end we die. We should find something that cut down this cycle to stop all the existence. But I am still can't reach that point so I am living on the earth and trying to make my life value. Even you were really rich, enjoy your money. But if you never contribute anything to the world, it was like you never exist, because in the end you die without anything left.