

Groundhog Day and existentialism

1. How and why was Phil trapped?

Phil is a weather reporter in Pittsburgh. He was a kind of man who has lots of self confidence and thinks that he is right. In the story he was sent to cover the Groundhog Day in Punxsutawney for the fourth time. Phil doesn't like it he is tired of this job; he thinks Groundhog Day is just something that is no sense. After that he spent a night in this town he somehow got himself in a situation that he will always wake up in the same day, which is the Groundhog, and it keeps repeating. He is trapped every day of his life is the same, he lives until he knows what will happen in that day. A while after that he got very tired of his life and tries to kill himself but it doesn't work, so after that he tries to change himself by changing the attitude and being nice to other people.

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

In my opinion I think it is partly a religious movie, because the movies teach us to morally do good things even though we don't know what will happen tomorrow just like the main teaching of all of the religions into his world. .

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

We can't decide to change times in our life, we always have to face the present, what Phil learned here is that he learned the value of life after he got stuck in the time he couldn't go forward and do things he wanted to continue because at the end of the day is the end. He has to start it over again and again for the one same day. So Phil started to open his heart and understand the other

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

During the time he was trapped with the present money is worthless since he can only live on one day. He could do whatever he wanted because after today everyone will forget about it but he has realized what he really needs is something inside him not the outside which is related to existentialism. Existentialism is all about human acting, feeling and attitude, which determine the true value of life.

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

What I will do is, I will do whatever I want to do something that I always wish to do and I never do it before to find what the value of everything in life is. After that I will try to find the way to get out, and get to my goal of life

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

It tells that I and all of us partly still want to be in the point where we can do thing like whatever we want, Want to be stuck in the present and take advantage of everything around us. But after all in order to get to the point where we want to be, we have to move forward.