

Homework : Existentialism

1. How and why was Phil trapped?

Answer It did not explain clearly in the movie. But I interpret that may be the god want to change his bad behavior by keeping Phil in the same day. He cannot change anything except himself.

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

Answer the movie is not religious movie by purpose but there are some messages intervening about religious belief like the rebirth, the sins redemption, the improvement of personalities and the understanding of life's meanings etc.

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

Answer As first he was selfish, sarcastic and only care about his own interests. After he was trapped in Groundhog Day, he had learnt the meaning of life through the situation that he facing every same day. He started to spent the time more beneficial, pay attention with other person, be more interpersonal and sympathetic.

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

Answer Existentialism shows how to increase the value of person. At first, he was in Existentialist Crisis step. He got a negative attitude about life and started to lose faith. Then, after he got stuck, he got a chance to improve himself and learn that people around Him did not change, only him that changes. He can get to Nihilism step, improving to escape from Groundhog Day by understand to live appropriately in the society.

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

Answer At first time, I would freak out and try to find the way out. After then I would realize, accept to the change and do what I used to dream about like something illegal and extremely crazy like Phil did.

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

Answer This may show that I still lose my ways in the existentialist crisis step. I still think of my own benefits, does not spent the time properly, and started to learn then.