

SHAWSHANK REDEMPTION VIDEO QUESTIONS

Directions: We will be watching the movie Shawshank Redemption in class. Read and analyze the following objectives then answer the questions below during the movie.

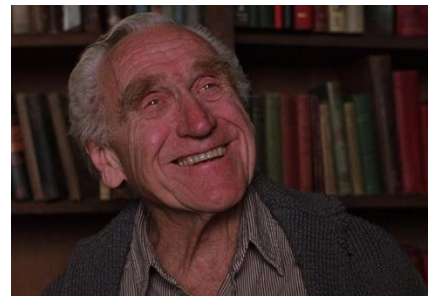
Objectives - Students will be able to:

- *identify and describe crimes committed during the movie*
- *explain the prison system, life of inmates and parole process*
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- *analyze ethical scenarios and explain actions & alternatives*



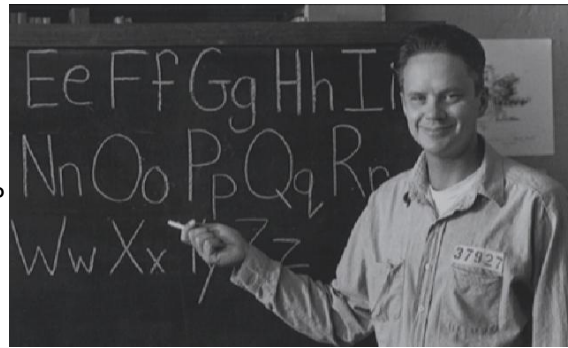
1. Throughout the film, there are several instances of guard brutality. Do you think this still happens? If so, how do you feel about it? Is some physical form of punishment acceptable?
2. Andy earns the good graces of most of the guards by offering what to them?
3. Captain Hadley avenges Andy by severely beating Bogs. Was that justice? Why do you think he did that?
4. What does Andy help dozens of his fellow inmates obtain during their time in prison?
5. What was the name of the fake person that Andy helped Warden Norton create?
6. What exactly was the warden doing and what crime was he committing?
7. Was Andy committing any crime by assisting the warden?
8. Given that Andy was a prisoner and would be punished if he didn't, do you think it was ethical for him to assist the warden? Why or why not? Did he have a choice? Why or why not?
9. Was it ethical for Andy to take the money the Warden had intended for himself? Why or why not?
10. At what point in the movie did you believe that Andy was innocent? Why did you draw that conclusion?

11. Andy and Red develop a close friendship throughout the film, during a period in time (1950-1965) when segregation was still common. What aspects of each of their character do you think helped bring them together?
12. What symbolism does Brooks' pet bird, Jake, stand for?
13. Brooks refers to Shawshank as home. Discuss why you think he commits suicide after becoming a free man.
14. Why do you think Andy locked himself in and broadcast the Mozart music? Do you think it was worth it? Why or why not?
15. Why did Norton have Tommy killed?
16. Since the Warden wouldn't listen to him and he was innocent, do you think it was ethical for Andy to escape? Why or why not?
17. Why did Red change his speech to the parole committee the last time? Do you think he would have been freed if he hadn't?
18. What did you think of the quality of prison life? Which conditions would you consider unacceptable? Why?
19. What is the significance of the title Shawshank Redemption? Which characters is the title intended for?
20. What scene(s) in The Shawshank Redemption was the most meaningful for you? Why?



Alternate Assignment for Shawshank Redemption Movie Questions

1. What does the term recidivism mean?
2. What is the recidivism rate in the U.S. (list source/ website) and what can be done to reduce this rate?
3. Define money laundering:
4. Research the internet for a case involving money laundering. Describe what happened in the case, how the person got caught and what the punishment was?
5. What is the difference between white-collar crime and violent crimes? Do you think violaters of these should be in the same corrections facilities? Why or why not?



Webquest

Directions: Visit the Illinois Department of Corrections website at www.illinois.gov/idoc/ . Use the information on the website and follow the directions below to answer question 6-11.

6. Click on facilities and visitations, then boot camp. Describe the boot camp at IDOC.
7. IDOC Director Salvador A. Godinez discusses Supplemental Sentence Credit on the website. What is supplemental sentence credit?
8. Click on the tab for parole then select conditions of parole, then select the hyperlink to the parole document. According to this document the parole and pardon board has been renamed to what?
9. List one other fact you found under the parole link:
10. Under Reports and Statistics, click on Strategic plan. In 2-3 sentences, summarize the plan for the IDOC:
11. Click on Facilities & Visitation then click All Facilities. Where are most of the IDOC facilities located: in Chicago, Suburban Chicago, Central, Southern, Eastern or Western Illinois? You can choose more than one answer.
 - What is the operational capacity?
 - Is it maximum or minimum security?
 - Is the facility for adult males or females?
 - What is the most up to date total population of the Menard Correctional Center?
 - What is the average age of each prisoner?
 - List the average annual cost per inmate:
 - What items or factors goes into this cost?