

BPL Film Society Discussion Prompts

These discussion prompts and questions are useful tools when considering the movie we are featuring. Do not feel like you have to answer every question, these are simply meant to be thought provoking. And remember, there are no wrong answers.

Your Experience

- Did you like or dislike the movie? Why?
- What thoughts does this movie spur in you? What does it make you think about?
- What is your emotional response to this movie?
- Was there a part of this movie you didn't understand?
- Did anything happen in this movie that reminded you of something that has occurred in your own life?
- If you had a chance to ask a character in this movie a question, what would it be and to who?
- Who was your least favorite character in the movie? Why?
- Who do you relate to most in this movie?
- How might this movie affect different viewers? How would a man, women, child or an older person view this movie differently?

Quality

- How did the editing of the movie advance or enhance the story that the filmmakers were trying to tell? Explain how? (location, color, lighting, music, angel, etc)
- Consider the technical aspects of this movie. What were its strengths and weaknesses? (Again...location, lighting, music, angel, color, use of green screen or animation)
- Does this movie take place in a world you recognize? Or does it ask us to accept a distorted view of reality?

Theme

- What was the movie really about?
- How is the movie about that?
- Where do we first sense that theme developing?
- What methods are employed to emphasize this theme?
- What lines seem most important? What images?
- Does anything in the movie stand out as a metaphor related to the theme?

Filmmaker

- Does the director have a particularly distinct style? Would you recognize his work in other movies?
- What does the director's style reveal about them?
- Think of a few other directors you're familiar with – how might the movie have been different if one of them had directed it?
- Are there other filmmakers who have explored this movie's themes or ideas? Put alongside each other, would the movies offer conflicting or complimentary ideas?