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Plato's Allegory of the Cave & The Truman Show



Truman?



Meryl?



Marlon?



Silvia?



Audience Member?



Christoff?

Viewing Questions

1. What is the first clue that Truman's world is a fake one?
2. What was Truman's reason for buying the women's magazine?
3. When Truman is asked to leave Seahaven on business, what is he apparently afraid of that makes the trip difficult?
4. What did Truman's wife get for free in the checkout at the grocery store?
5. Where is Truman planning to go when he can leave Seahaven?

Reflection Questions

1. Give some examples from the film of the lengths to which Christoff is willing to go to create a realistic "life" for Truman.

6. What happened to Truman to cause him to be afraid of the water?

7. What is the second clue that Truman's world is a fake one?

8. Who does Truman think the homeless person he sees on his way to work really is?

9. According to the bartender/waitress watching the show, what "memory of Truman's could "they" not get rid of?

10. What does Lauren's pin say?

11. Who comes to take Lauren away from the beach?

12. Where does Lauren's father claim that he is taking her?

13. What is Lauren's real name?

14. What did Truman do "on the rebound" after Lauren left?

15. Behind his picture of Meryl, who is Truman putting together a picture of?

2. In the Cave, prisoners are chained into their chairs to keep them from escaping. Truman is never literally chained, but what does Christoff do to him to keep him from leaving Seahaven?

3. The actors who surround Truman, as well as Seahaven itself, are stereotyped in order to live up to Truman's expectations of what they should be like. How are Meryl and Marlon stereotypical in their roles as Truman's wife and best friend? How is Seahaven a stereotypical town?

16. What is the third clue that Truman's world is a fake one?

17. What does Truman see in the elevator shaft?

18. When Truman tells Marlon what he thinks is going on, who does Truman think it is all about?

19. What "looks so small" to Truman in his mother's photo album?

20. What does Truman notice about the wedding photo where he is kissing Meryl?

21. When Meryl asks Truman to wish her luck with the surgery she must assist, what does he say?

22. What is the message that Truman wants the nurse to pass along to his wife?

23. What is the last of the three things Truman sees repeatedly circling his home?

24. Why does Meryl think Truman wouldn't want to go to Atlantic City?

4. Is what Christoff does to Truman right or wrong, and why? What does Christoff think about the morality of what he does to Truman, and why does he think that way?

5. In the "Trutalk" segment, the host mentions that Christoff "jealously guards his privacy." How might Christoff's life as the director of the show influence his attitude towards his own privacy?

25. Who steers the car over the bridge?

26. When Truman asks Meryl why she wants to have a baby with him, what does she suggest he do?

27. Marlon tells Truman that he was right about one thing. What was it?

28. At what point in Truman's life was he chosen for the show?

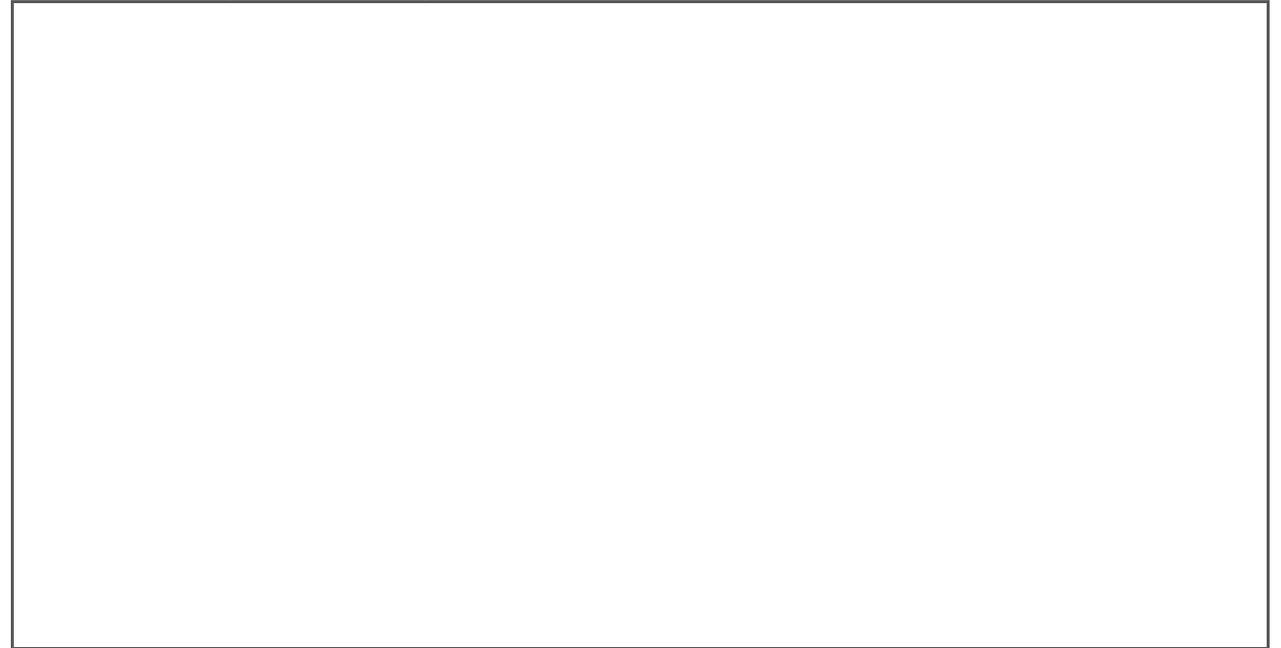
29. Why was he chosen over the other 'candidates'?

30. How is the revenue for the Truman Show generated?

31. Which former cast member calls in to Trutalk?

32. What is Christoff forced to do to help the cast members searching to find Truman?

6. Aside from Truman, who else is "chained" in the movie? In other words, who else has allowed themselves to be controlled by a view of "reality" that is unreal?



7. Ultimately, what is this movie trying to say about the nature of reality? Do you agree or disagree, and why?



33. When Christoff finally finds Truman, where is he?

34. What is the name of the boat?

35. What does Christoff do to try and stop Truman from escaping?

36. At one point, Truman very nearly dies. From what?

37. What stops Truman's sailboat?

38. Who says to Truman, "I am the creator... "?

39. Where does Truman find the exit door?

40. What are Truman's final words?

8. Which character would you choose to be, and why? Which do you think Plato would choose to be, and why?

