

## Questions for International Film

Choose **three** of the following to respond to for the film you viewed:

1. What is the central theme or message of the film? How was that shown in the plot and/or characters of the film? How is that message relevant to cultures other than the one shown in the film?
2. What does the film indicate about the culture of the country where the action takes place? Consider such things as family structure, gender roles, politics, economic status, education, poverty, sports, customs, foods, war, etc.
3. Describe the central conflicts presented in the film and how they were or were not resolved. What is your opinion of the causes of the conflicts and the way they were handled? Explain
4. Describe any recurrent symbols in the film. What is their significance?
5. Explain how the title relates to the story line or message of the film. Evaluate whether or not you think the title is a good one. Suggest another title and indicate why that would be a good one.
6. Describe the opening and closing events in the film. How are they connected? Evaluate the effectiveness of the opening and closing for you as a reader.
7. Describe any instances of stereotyping or prejudice that you saw in the film. How did they relate to the main characters and the storyline of the film? Were they unique to the country of the film or could they be found in other places, too? Explain.
8. Quote three or four direct lines of dialogue from the film and indicate why they are important, what they reveal about the characters and/or how they relate to the message of the film.
9. Describe how the main characters of the film changed from the beginning to the end. Were the changes realistic? What contributed to those changes? Were the changes for better or worse? Explain.
10. Describe the main setting(s) of the film. What do they show about the characters and about the society shown in the film? Could this same story have been filmed in another country? Why or why not?

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