

Humanities 420 Dead Poets Society Worksheet

Directions: Read the questions below, then watch the movie, Dead Poets' Society. As you view the movie, consider the following questions. Then answer the questions on this worksheet thoroughly. Type your answers on a separate sheet of paper and use proper heading and class/assignment identification. Precede each of your answers with the word in bold in the question below. Staple this worksheet to the front of your answers as a cover sheet.

Characters:

Who is (are) the **main character(s)**? Is he/she/they **dynamic** or static? **Round** or flat? If dynamic, how does he change? What do we learn from this? If he is not dynamic, what do we learn from his not changing? Is there a **protagonist**? Who is(are) the **antagonist(s)**? What do the protagonist and antagonist represent?

Plot/Conflicts:

What are some of the **conflict(s)** in the movie? (something/someone VS. something/someone else) What events or situations in the movie mark the **plot structure**? (At what point does the Exposition, Complication, Crisis, Climax, and Resolution take place?)

Setting:

Does **setting** reveal or affect meaning in the movie? Examples?

Symbolism:

What **symbolism** do you notice in the movie? Examples?

Irony:

Is there use of **irony** in the movie? What kind of irony (cosmic, situational, dramatic, verbal)? Examples?

Other elements:

Are any **other literary** elements discussed in class used?

Literary Eras:

Give a brief definition of "Romanticism" including its time period and influence on literature. How does this relate to the theme of the movie? Does it relate to the people, situations, events, conflicts in the movie?

Literary Theory:

Can you apply one of our Literary Theories discussed in the text and in class to this movie? What is the **theme** of the movie? Do you agree with it or not? Can you relate it to your life or contemporary society?

Theme:

What is (are) the theme(s) of the movie? Examine the conflict discussed above to gain insight on the theme.