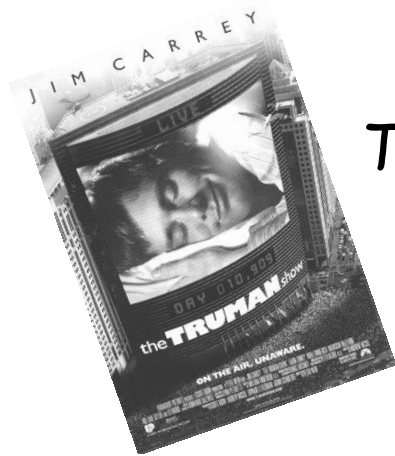


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The Truman Show

Answer the following questions *before* watching the film:

1. If you could construct a perfect world for yourself, what would it be like? What would it look like? For instance, would you want the sun to always shine? What would it feel like? What would the rules be? Etc...

"What if everybody is just an actor in my story?" -Jim Carrey

'We are always actors playing someone else,' -Noah Emmerich

2. Do you believe these two statements? Explain your reasons for believing or not believing them.

Answer the following questions *while watching the film*:

3. Think about behavior of Meryl, Truman's wife. What is strange about the way she speaks and acts? What about that of their neighbors and friends? How are the actions and words *out of the ordinary* for Meryl, their neighbors, and friends?

4. Does Truman himself talk and act differently to the rest of the community? Explain your answer, and support it using details from the film.

5. Which of the characters in Truman's world would you say are stereotypes? Why?

6. How is Truman's name symbolic? How is Christof's name symbolic?

7. Several characters are involved with product placement in the show. What products can you remember as being advertised? How does this add to the atmosphere of Seahaven?