FORREST GUMP REVIEW QUESTIONS AND APA CITATION


Major Characters: Cast

- Tom Hanks ... Forrest Gump
- Robin Wright Penn ... Jenny Curran
- Gary Sinise ... Lt. Dan Taylor
- Mykelti Williamson ... Pvt. Benjamin Buford 'Bubba' Blue
- Sally Field ... Mrs. Gump
- Rebecca Williams ... Nurse at Park Bench
- Michael Conner Humphreys ... Young Forrest Gump
- Harold G. Herthum ... Doctor
- George Kelly ... Barber
- Bob Penny ... Crony
- John Randall ... Crony
- Sam Anderson ... Principal
- Margo Moorer ... Louise, Mrs. Gump's Housekeeper

Review questions:

1. What is the constant theme of running pertaining to in the film?
2. What does the feather represent?
3. Why does Jenny want to be “free as a bird”?
4. List 5 elements from history he is “involved in” and explain the incident it portrays.
5. What is the message of the film?
6. What does the phrase “life is like a box of chocolates you never know what you are going to get” mean?
7. What does the phrase “stupid is as stupid does” mean?
8. What about this film makes it resonate with the audience fifteen years later?
9. Explain the message of each of the main characters: Momma Gump, Forrest Gump, Jenny, Bubba Blue, Lt. Dan
10. In what manner is the story told and why is that important?
11. Why doesn’t Mrs. Gump have a first name? Why does Forrest always say his full name and no one else has a first and last name?
12. List five themes from the film.
13. Why did we see the film?
14. Does the film comment on the history it portrays?