

“Truman Show” Assignment

Main Characters:

Truman- Main character and focus of show

Meryl- Truman's Wife

Truman's mother and father

Marlon- Truman's Best Friend

Lauren/Sylvia- The true love of Truman's life

Christof- The creator of the show

1. How did they socialize Truman to fear things? Have you had a similar experience growing up? Explain.
2. How does the mass media socialize us? Give examples you've seen in your lifetime.
3. What was the symbolism found in Sylvia's sweater when Truman smelled it? Was his response to her socialized or a “genetic” response?
4. The most important line of the movie came from an interview Christof was giving. He stated, “We accept the reality of the world which we're presented-it's as simple as that”. What did he mean by that and do you deem that a true statement? Why or why not?
5. You may have noticed that the *creator* Christof has a root word of, “Christ”. This is intentional to show him as a God figure. How was Christof like God? Give examples.
6. How are today's modern reality shows like *The Truman Show*? Bearing in mind, the first major reality show hit television just one year after *The Truman Show* was made? Do these better or worsen our ability to socialize properly?