

STUDENT DISCOVERY SHEET

*THE TRUMAN SHOW*

1. Give an example from the movie of each sociological concept below:

A. LOOKING-GLASS SELF:

B. SOCIALIZATION:

C. DEVIATION:

D. NEGATIVE SANCTIONS:

E. HIDDEN CURRICULUM:

F. REFERENCE GROUP:

2. Although Truman lived in a controlled environment, some elements and events were beyond the command of authority. Name some events which the director Christof was unable to control.

3. How was Truman kept in the artificial environment? How was he socialized to stay on the "island"?

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4. What were some elements of Truman's environment which were artificial and YOU would have recognized as false.

5. The director believed that Truman would never guess the artificiality of his world and life, that Truman believed in the reality of the only world he had ever known. Do you think this is a true statement?

6. List and briefly describe three of the characters in the Truman television show. How do these characters attempt to control Truman's life?

7. Rate this movie. Do you think this movie was appropriate for a Sociology class?