



Intellectual Disability: Forrest Gump (Movie)

Est. Time: 2 Hours Viewing/45 Minutes Class

Synopsis

The film follows the life of Forrest Gump. During his early childhood, Forrest's cognitive abilities were considerably below average, and he displayed characteristics of an intellectual disability. Despite these obstacles, Forrest was able to accomplish many things, including becoming an All-American athlete and the owner of a successful company.

Activity

View the following movie and be prepared to discuss the questions below in class:

Title: Forrest Gump (1994)

Studio: Paramount

Questions/Discussion Topics

1. List some of the words used to describe Forrest throughout the movie and talk about how he dealt with the attention (negative or positive).
2. Even though this story is fictitious, do you believe Forest was treated fairly?
3. Is the portrayal of his interactions and relationships realistic?
4. Who were his biggest advocates in the film?