

Unit 5:2 Film Study: Finding Forrester

The film *Finding Forrester* is the first installment in examining the final exam essay topic that you will write in class on your final exam day(s). Recall that the topic title is “Knowledge: What *is* it Good for?” The writer of Ecclesiastes (attributed to Solomon, who is said to be the wisest man who ever lived) writes that “In wisdom there is much grief, and increasing knowledge results in increasing pain.” It seems that with increased knowledge comes the increased pain of responsibility. This seems to be the problem. But is it a problem? Essentially the final exam essay will have you explore this issue for the characters in the stories and for you, yourself. **On this sheet of paper, take notes on the price of increasing knowledge for the characters Jamal Wallace and William Forrester. This will be submitted the day you complete the film, at which point you should have at least three (3) solid insights in each of the four boxes.** An example of a solid insight has been done for you. Do not just copy these from a “friend”; you’ll both lose credit.

Notes about the pain of increasing knowledge/wisdom for Jamal Wallace	Notes about the gain of increasing knowledge/wisdom for Jamal Wallace
<p>→Attending new school = losing old friends (friend sarcastically says, “Jamal Wallace, here to pay us a visit.”)</p> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>

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Notable quotations from the movie, in no particular order:

1. William Forrester: You write the first draft with your heart and the second draft with your head.

2. Jamal: Man, [expletive deleted], William. You wanna know what the real [expletive deleted] is? How about you let me take it on this one cause you're too d[---] scared to walk out that door and do something for somebody else. You're too d[---] scared, man! That's the only d[---] reason.

Forrester: You don't know s[---] about reason; reasons why some of us live and why some of us don't! Well, fortunately for you, you have decades to figure that out.

Jamal: Yeah, and what's the reason in having a file cabinet full of writing and keeping the s[---] locked so nobody can read it? What is that man? I'm through with this [s---].

3. Jamal Wallace: "The rest of those who have gone before us cannot steady the unrest of those to follow." You wrote that in your book.

4. William Forrester: For if we wait too long, we risk learning that life is not a game that is won...or lost.... It is a game that, too often, simply isn't played.

5. Forrester: Losing family helps us to find our family. Not necessarily the family that is our blood, but the family that may become our blood.