

It's a Wonderful Life

You will watch the movie It's A Wonderful Life, and answer the following worldview discussion questions in complete sentences. You should review the questions before you watch the movie, and take notes as you watch to help you answer the questions. Be sure to pay attention to answer length requirements.

1. List 3 religious/Biblical references you notice throughout the movie.
2. How does the movie portray "god" or the supernatural? How is this similar or different from the God of Scripture? (2-4 sentences)
3. How is evil portrayed in the movie? Which characters are "bad guys?" What about them is evil? (3-4 sentences)
4. How is goodness portrayed in the movie? List at least 2 examples of actions that help "restore the world." (2-3 sentences)
5. Discuss the main character, George Bailey. How would you describe him? Is he a good or bad person? How does he change and develop throughout the story? What are his temptations? What are his strengths? How does he overcome? (3-5 sentences)
6. Do you think George Bailey lived a good life or did he miss out on what life has to offer? What do you think makes a good life? How might that change the way you approach your life? (2-4 sentences)

Concepts/Explanations:

- **Building and Loan** – Building and loan associations were mutually held financial institutions that greatly increased the accessibility of home loans from the 1830s to 1930s. Participants pooled their money, and in turn became eligible to receive dividends and take out a mortgage if the bank would not offer them one. Bailey's Building and Loan helped vulnerable people who were not able to get a mortgage from a regular bank.
- **Run on the bank** – Banks do not actually physically hold the amount of money they guarantee their account holders. A run on the bank occurs when there is a rumor a bank is running out of money, causing people to quickly withdraw their accounts before the money runs out.