

The Green Mile film discussion questions

1. Why is it called "The Green Mile?" Relate the mile, the walk, human life, all life.
2. What part does the historic period play in the film's story?
3. What is/are the film's attitude(s) toward the death penalty?
4. Describe the film's commentary on the criminal justice system in the U.S.A.
5. What capital punishment issues does the film address?
6. Why use a mouse?

7. Describe and comment on how the guards conduct electrocutions. Without detailing procedures, describe their demeanor and attitudes toward the procedures and inmates.
8. What is the film's perspective on the meaning of the death penalty versus life without parole (think metaphorically)?
9. John Coffey's story is allegorical. Explain the allegory. Pay attention to names (e.g., Del is short for what?), physical descriptions, events, things said).
10. "He kill them with they love. That's how it is every day all over the world." What does this mean and why is it repeated?