

Comprehension Questions -- What Do You Think?

* Answer the following questions on a separate piece of paper as you are reading *Tuesdays with Morrie*. Be sure to use complete sentences.

“The Curriculum”

1. What type of class is Albom enrolled in?
2. How is life like a “classroom?” Describe a moment in your own life where you learned something outside of the “classroom.”

“The Syllabus”

3. What is wrong with Morrie?
Look up some information on his condition, read it, and then highlight the main points. Attach it to your notebook paper.

“The Student”

4. Describe Albom’s life.
5. How did he come to be reunited with Morrie?
6. Describe a life changing moment for you.

“The Audiovisual”

7. Choose one of Morrie’s aphorisms and explain how you can apply it to your own life.

“The Orientation”

8. According to Albom, what was the most important to him at that time?
9. Why do you think we choose to make such decisions even though we seem to know the “better choice?”
10. Up to this point in the novel, in what ways is Morrie a “good” teacher?
11. Write about a “good” teacher you had. Explain what made him/her exceptional.

“The Classroom”

12. Why does Morrie have a great deal of friends? How does this strike you?
13. According to Morrie, what should we be teaching in the classroom called “life?” Do you agree with him? Explain why or why not.
14. Reflect on Morrie’s comment, “Dying...is only one thing to be sad over, Mitch. Living unhappily is something else.”
15. List those things that make you happy.
16. “Life is a series of pulls back and forth. You want to do one thing, but you are bound to do something else. Something hurts you, yet you know it shouldn’t. You take certain things for granted, even when you know you should never take anything for granted.” What do you think of this statement?

“Taking Attendance”

17. “So many people walk around with a meaningless life. They seem half-asleep, even when they’re busy doing things they think are important. This is because they’re chasing the wrong things. The way you get meaning into your life is to devote yourself to loving others, devote yourself to your community around you, and devote yourself to creating something that gives you purpose and meaning.”
What do you think about Morrie’s statement? How can you apply it to yourself?
How can such a statement “change” the world?
18. Create a Venn Diagram. Compare and contrast Albom and Morrie.

“The First Tuesday”

19. Pick a quote and explain why you find it to be helpful.

“The Second Tuesday”

20. In what ways do you agree or disagree with Morrie’s perspective on self-pity?

“The Third Tuesday”

21. What do you regret?
22. Who is close to you? What makes him/her important?

“The Fourth Tuesday” -- Answer this entry after finishing this chapter:

23. “Learn how to die, and you learn how to live.” What does this statement mean?

“The Fifth Tuesday”

24. How is Morrie’s family important to him?

25. According to Morrie, why is family important?

26. In what ways is your family important to you?

“The Sixth Tuesday”

27. Pick a statement said by Morrie that you find to be important. Write down the quote, page number, and then explain why you find it to be important.

“The Professor”

28. What can we learn from Morrie in this chapter?

“The Seventh Tuesday” “The Eighth Tuesday” “The Ninth Tuesday”

29. Pick one concept from one of these chapters to reflect on.

“The Tenth Tuesday”

30. What do you think makes Morrie such a likeable person?

“The Eleventh Tuesday”

31. What does Morrie mean by, “People are only mean when they’re threatened...and that’s what our culture does.” Explain how you find this statement to be true.

32. In the book, what was the purpose of the OJ Simpson trial and other mentions of news stories?

33. What do you feel about the Koppel interviews? Were they useful? Explain why or why not.

“The Twelfth Tuesday”

34. How can you apply Morrie’s concept of forgiveness to yourself?

“The Thirteenth Tuesday”

35. According to Morrie, how are we different from plants and animals? Do you agree with him? Explain why or why not.
36. What do you see as the important questions?
37. What is a perfect day to you?
38. How was Albom’s graduation unlike a typical graduation?
39. What do you think about the course Albom was enrolled in/
40. From the impression left on you after completing the book, what are those things that make life worthwhile?
41. “I hope that one day you will think of me as your friend.” (p25) Were Albom and Morrie friends?
42. Tell me about a good friend.
43. Who was Morrie Schwartz?