

Analysis of the movie “Soylent Green”

1. What year does this movie take place?
2. How many people live in the city depicted in the movie?
3. How do most people in the city get their food?
4. What does Sol mean when he talks about “Going home”?
5. What is Thorn’s profession?
6. What is Shirl’s profession?
7. What “special treat” did Shirl purchase for Simonson on the night he was murdered?
8. Why was Thorn suspicious of how Simonson was murdered?
9. What is unusual about the way in which they disposed of Simonson’s body?
10. Thorn told Shirl that “Old people often cry.” Why do old people cry so much?
11. Why does the government make it so easy for people to kill themselves?

12. Why was Thorn sent on riot control?

13. What started the riot?

14. What are the “scoops”?

15. Why was the priest murdered?

16. What is the official narrative about the source of Soylent Green?

17. How does Thorn learn the truth about Soylent Green?

18. Putting all morality aside, do you think a product like Soylent Green can serve as a sustainable source of calories? What did you learn in class that makes this unlikely?

Opinion 1 (post answer online): The movie was made in 1973. What has gotten better since that time? What has gotten worse? What did the movie get wrong? What did the movie get right?

Opinion 2 (post answer online): This essay about life in 2030 depicts a rosy scenario for life after the Great Reset. Critics of the Great Reset denounced this as a “bait-and-switch,” and that in reality, the dystopia of Soylent Green is the more accurate depiction of life after the Great Reset. Do you agree or disagree? Explain.

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