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"Awakenings" Movie Guide

Vocabulary

encephalitis- inflammation of the brain, sometimes caused by a virus and causing one to be sleepy

catatonic- a syndrome seen most frequently in schizophrenia, characterized by muscular rigidity and mental stupor, sometimes alternating with great excitement and confusion

dopamine- neurotransmitter in the central nervous system, retina, and sympathetic ganglia, acting within the brain to help regulate movement and emotion: its depletion may cause Parkinson's disease

Parkinson's Disease- disorder of the brain that leads to shaking (tremors) and difficulty with walking, movement, and coordination

Tourette Syndrome- nervous system disorder which causes a person to make repeated and involuntary movements and sounds (vocalizations) called tics

1. What is a neurologist?
2. What did Dr. Sayer get from earthworms?
3. Why is Dr. Sayer hesitant to take the job he is offered?
4. What are some disorders that the neurology department at this hospital treats?
5. Why does the staff call the facility "The Garden"?
6. Why did Dr. Sayer put the "new arrival's" glasses on the floor?
7. What was remarkable about Lucy?
8. What did the other doctor think about Lucy catching the ball?
9. Why isn't his explanation as significant as Dr. Sayer's?
10. When Dr. Sayer drops the pen in front of the man in the wheelchair, what is the stimulus? Response?
11. What does atypical mean?
12. Why is Dr. Sayer concerned with the atypical diagnoses?

13. What is the connection among all of the catatonic patients?
14. Dr. Ingham (the doctor who saw patients with encephalitis years before) said the virus did not spare their "higher functions".
What does he mean by this?
15. Why do Dr. Sayer and the nurse put color blocks on the floor?
16. Why does Dr. Sayer look sad when he realizes Lucy is looking out the window?
17. What is significant about Leonard reading?
18. What happened when Dr. Sayer said Leonard's name to him?
19. Why was Dr. Sayer throwing balls at patients?
20. Why does Dr. Sayer think his patients are not moving or "turned to stone"?
21. Why did Dr. Sayer put the drug in milk instead of orange juice?
22. What did Dr. Sayer do in the lab during the night?
23. What was the result of the double dose given to Leonard?
24. Why was Leonard confused when he saw his picture and then his reflection in the mirror?
25. After his results with Leonard, Dr. Sayer wants to give the drug to his other

