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Do The Right Thing

Questions

1. The story takes place over one day, which is very unusual for a film. Do you think this has any bearing on how we see and understand the story, characters, and themes?
2. What are some of the themes (World Views) that Spike Lee displays in this film?
3. Do you think that the weather that Lee presents in the film has any bearing on the film characters and themes?
4. When characters talk directly to the camera do you think that you are “taken out “ of the film or does this make you more engaged with the film? Why?
5. How does the music that different characters listen to mirror their World Views?
6. This movie was made in 1989. Since then, do you this there is less, more or the same amount of racial prejudice in the United States? Explain your reasoning.
7. Are new and different groups now facing bigotry?
8. How do characters in this movie demonstrate empathy? Is there any “value” in their empathy as regards to this film? Why is empathy, practiced in our daily lives, an important value?
9. Why do you think this film is titled, *Do the Right Thing*?
10. Why does Mookie do what he does at the end of the film?
11. Compare and contrast this film with *La Haine*. How are they the same and home are they different in character, styles, and subject matter?