

Prewriting: Existential Essay

The Truman Show

Directions: For the following common themes of existentialism, find an example from *The Truman Show* to support each theme and provide a brief explanation as to why it supports that theme. This prewriting will become the basis for your thesis statement and body paragraphs for your upcoming essay.

<i>Theme</i>	<i>Example</i>	<i>Brief Explanation</i>
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