**GROUP ONE: Truman**

1. Why was Truman called “Truman”? What does the name mean and / or symbolise?

2. Truman sought out “reality” while those in “reality” (such as the people in the bar), sought solace and escapism in the reality tv show. What does the film say about the purpose of reality tv in our society?

3. Identify three key events that made Truman question the reality of the world he lived in.

Truman started to manipulate his world slowly. For example, after he heard the interference on the radio program, Truman decided to not go into his office at the time the producers expected.

4. Provide two other examples of when Truman started to manipulate his world.

When referring to Fiji, Truman says “you can’t get any further away before you start coming back. You know that there are still islands there where no human being has ever set foot.” This shows a desire in Truman for something more that his ordinary day-to-day life. Truman’s adventurous side is potentially very dangerous to the interests of the television network, which is in complete control of Truman’s environment.

4. Where did the ideas that Truman has about being an adventurer and explorer come from?

5. Do you think that Truman was allowed to read anything that might potentially encourage these ideas?

Throughout the Truman Show, there are numerous examples of the television network attempting to control Truman, i.e. dangers of flying posters, school teacher saying that there is nothing left to explore, his father’s death at sea, the rock climbing scene in Truman’s youth, etc.

6. Identify two other examples of the network trying to control Truman.

When speaking of Truman, Christof states: "He could leave at any time. If this were anything more than a vague ambition, if he was absolutely determined to discover the truth, there is no way we could prevent him." Truman eventually does discover the true nature of his reality despite the strong efforts of Christof and the network.

7. What does Truman’s realisation have to say about the nature of the human spirit?

8. How are Truman’s eyes used to convey or communicate his emotions? Provide two examples.

You are to answer the questions above in your expert groups and then provide a five sentence summary to your home group of your discussion and findings.