

## Pay it forward

1. Describe the task the new Social studies teacher gives the class

The class has to come up with an idea that can change the world. They feel it is impossible to solve, but the teacher says things may seem difficult, but sometimes it can be possible.

The teacher wants them to believe that they - even as unimportant children - can make a difference.

2. What is Trevor's solution on the task given? Describe the idea

He designed a system, which he calls pay it forward. The concept of the system is that you have to help 3 people, who then commits to help 3 other people etc. Creating a chain reaction

3. Is Trevor's project perfect or unrealistic?

Trevor's system is almost perfect if people hadn't been humans. And if people wouldn't act humanlike there wouldn't be a need for such a project.

So to achieve 100% success is unlikely.

The faults of the system could be:

- Who is to decide who needs help.
- What if I help someone who isn't interested in any help
- What if the person you help doesn't feel like paying it forward

4. What can be an issue to break the chain in Trevor's system?

See the list of faults above

5. Is there a need for such a system in our society?

You could easily argue that the morale of humans has become corrupt. It has become more common that people only look after themselves - not caring for other. A Dog eats dog world.

We think that more people tend to believe that in order to be part of a society you also have to contribute, if you don't you are not part of it. Or you shouldn't have a say in it.

6. How would the world be different if everyone would be part of "Pay it Forward"?

Everyone would look after each other and take care of each other. No one or a lot fewer would be in need

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Heaven... As there would be no prejudice or discrimination. Everyone would be equal

7. What is your opinion on the ending? What does the director gain from this?

We think it is a bit too cheesy that everyone lights candles for the mother.

We think it is sad that Trevor dies, now that he sees his system working

It is typical that things only work once the creator of it has died.

We think that the director wants to tell us that even though you or someone insignificant you can still make a difference.

Changes in our society can come from the smallest places and most unlikely - as you can see in the surprise of the reporter once he realises it was a kid that created the system.

I like that people shows up at Trevor's house to light candles. It shows that there is still hope.

8. Compare the movie with these two quotes by Martin Luther:

For, by the exercise of charity, charity increases and man grows better, while by means of indulgence, he does not become better, but only freer from punishment. (Martin Luther's theses 44)

For I do not do the good I want to do, but the evil I do not want to do—this I keep on doing. (Romans 7:19)

Comparing the quote with the movie it is still a relevant point, as so many people in our world wants to do good, but we too often fails to accomplice this. Take environmental issues; we want to create a better world but we won't risk changing our life style.

Everyone basically want to do good, but often they can't because people often act for personal gain.

We think that both shows us that we basically have good intensions, but our habits makes it difficult to break out.

People often do good for their own gain

9. What themes does the movie show

- Problems in families
- Forgiveness
- Helping others
- Being part of a greater society/world
- Poverty
- The world is mixed