

THE RON CLARK STORY

Three-time Emmy Award Nominee Matthew Perry (TV's Studio 60 on the Sunset Strip, Friends) delivers a "Tour-de-force performance" (Boston Herald) as real-life inspiration Ron Clark, a passionate and innovative teacher who leaves his small hometown of Aurora, North Carolina to teach in one of Harlem's toughest schools. But to break through to his students, Clark must use unconventional methods, including his groundbreaking classroom rules, to drive them toward their greatest potential. Based on a true story, this touching message is what real education is all about.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Directions: Type out - in complete sentences - your response to the discussion questions below. Remember to be clear, concise and complete with your response. Quality versus quantity is very important.

- 1) Give a brief synopsis of the movie, "The Ron Clark Story".
- 2) Briefly describe the four main characters of the movie; Ron Clark, Shamika Wallace, Julio Vasquez, Taysean Mitchell.
- 3) Give at least 5 short-term and 2 long-term goals of Ron Clark or his students.
- 4) Everyone uses an action plan, steps to achieve your goals, when it comes to goal setting. Explain 5 examples of unconventional methods of teaching (action plan) Ron Clark used in his classroom.
- 5) State 5 examples of adversity/challenges that Ron Clark and his students had to overcome.
- 6) State 5 examples of roadblocks/obstacles that Ron Clark and his students had to face and learn to work out together.
- 7) State at least 2 examples of a support group that Ron Clark and the students had and how they helped to encourage his/their success.
- 8) Explain the importance of persistence in pursuing your goals, no matter what obstacles you might face.