Victoria and Abdul Video Guide

Directions: Answer each of the following questions in complete sentences. Responses should be ***your own*** and reflect careful and thoughtful consideration of the questions at hand.

*Film-Based Questions*

1. Reflect on the way(s) we are introduced to Victoria and Abdul at the beginning of the film. In what ways are their different lives immediately painted in stark contrast?

2. Based on our previous study in class, how does Judi Dench’s depiction of Queen Victoria create an accurate portrayal? What character traits in Abdul lend themselves to his acceptance into British high society?

3. Describe the change(s) that Queen Victoria and Abdul affect upon each other?

4. How does the director build an emotional arc between two unlikely friends over the course of the film?

*Connecting with Today (2 pts each)*

5. What parallels can be drawn between things considered important in Victoria’s court and society today?

6. The film portrays Victoria’s unique experience as a woman in power. How does this reflect - or contrast with - the experiences of women around the world today?

7. What possibilities might be created when two very different cultures, or individuals, are ‘reconciled’ as Victoria and Abdul were? How could this impact global tolerance?

\*\*\*To wrap up the video, list 3 different words to fill in this statement: The Victorian Era was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.