

Stand and Deliver – Movie Questions

Name: _____

1. Describe THREE math concepts that were taught in the movie that have been part of your middle school math education.
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 - 2.
 - 3.
2. Describe some of the techniques that Mr. Escalante used to keep his students interested in the class.
3. The film is honest about some of Mr. Escalante's mistakes. Can you describe some of them?
4. "Ganas" means "desire" in Spanish. How does the concept of "ganas" apply to this film? Can you achieve great things without it? Do you have "ganas" about anything in your life?
5. What is your reaction to the students' final act in reference to the test? Do you think they made the right decision?
6. Why do you think that the students all made the same mistakes on their tests?

7. Did this movie affect your feelings about the concept of "innocent until proven guilty?" Describe that effect.

8. Would you be willing to give up your mornings, afternoons, and weekends, and a good part of your summer to prove to yourself that you could pass a test? To the students in the class, was this just a test, or was it something more?

9. Was it racist for the Educational Testing Service to investigate this group of children and to question their test scores or was its action appropriate in the circumstances?

10. What was the theme of this film? What were the film makers trying to tell us? Were they successful? Justify your answer.

11. Did you learn anything from this movie? What was it? Write paragraph explaining your reaction to the movie and what you learned from it. What would you have done in the same situation?