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Film Study Assignment : The Shawshank Redemption

Your Name:

1) Choose either Red or Andy and answer the following

- a) Describe one thing he learns and say why this is important. (5)
- b) Describe a problem he has and explain how he tried to overcome it. (5)
- c) Describe the relationship he had with the other and explain why it was important. (5)
- d) Breakdown one scene involving the character and break-it-down by camera shots, audio choices, pace of the cuts, other video elements. Describe what you see/hear and why the director possibly made those choices. (5)

2) Choose a character from the list below and do the activities that follow:

Brooks, Warden, Norton, Byron, Hadley, Tommy

- a) Describe their role in the film: who were they? what did they do? what happened to them? (5)
- b) Describe their relationship with Andy and explain the affect of the relationship. (5)
- c) What directorial decisions were made regarding this character . (5)

3) Choose one of the following scenes. Describe the scene and explain why the scene is important to the film: (5)

- a) The Opening Scene
- b) The Closing Scene

4) Choose one of the following scenes. Describe the scene and explain why the scene is important to the film: (5)

- a) tarring of the roof
- b) when Andy plays the opera
- c) when Tommy is shot

5) Some of the main themes of the film are:

HOPE, FRIENDSHIP, JUSTICE

- a) Choose one of the above and make two statements about the theme. (5)
- b) For each statement find two examples from the film which support each statement. (5)
- c) For each example, find a relevant quotation. (5)

6) Find out the definition of “Redemption” and in light of your findings, explain in about 120 words, why film is called „The Shawshank Redemption“.

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