

Intro to Business: Erin Brockovich Movie Questions & Reflections

During and after watching the movie, answer the following questions below. You will be given credit (20 points) for taking notes on this sheet during the movie AND typing the questions (20 points) and answers in a Microsoft Word Document, 12 pt., Times New Roman, single spaced. Be prepared to discuss and hand in both sheets next class.

PERSONAL STRUGGLE

1. What struggles did Erin Brockovich have with balancing her family and her job?
2. Do you think a man would be likely to have the same problems? Why or why not?

PROFESSIONALISM

3. Did Erin Brockovich show professionalism in her job? Why or why not?
4. What image did she project?
5. Did this image make things at work more difficult for her?

SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

6. What was the substance that was making people sick?
7. What did the substance penetrate (air, drinking water, soil)?
8. What company/type of company was responsible?
9. What was Erin Brockovich's motivation for pursuing this issue?
10. What illnesses did the substance cause?

SMALL BUSINESS OWNER

11. What risks did Ed Masry take as a small business owner?
12. Did Ed Masry take a risk by hiring Erin? Why or why not?

CORPORATE DECISIONS

13. Why do you think that PG&E continued to lie to the residents of Hinkley about the water conditions?
14. What should PG&E have done instead of lying?
15. Consider this...is it sometimes harder to make the right (ethically correct) decision is than the wrong decision (unethical)? Why is this?
16. What should the government do to prevent companies from making unethical decisions?
17. What should the consequences be?

PERSONAL REFLECTION/ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS & CONNECTIONS

18. Think of a time in which you had to make an ethically tough decision...now, write what helped you to make the right or wrong decision.
19. What are some suggestions for others who will face tough ethical decisions? What can help them to make the right decision?
20. Should businesses demonstrate corporate social responsibility? (*EQ*)
21. Do the decisions I make impact others? (*EQ*)