**The Circle Video Guide Questions**

1. At the onset of the film the director gives us a few glimpses of Mae’s work at the water company. From what we can see in his shots – what is he attempting to make you see?

**From his shots, I think the director is trying to show the viewers that her old job was boring and standard. Like any other office job, but then, after she got the phone call about an interview at The Circle, she was super excited.**

1. Although you will most likely never have an interview like the one Mae had, can you explain what is really going on there? Did you find any of the questions to be odd or even a little too personal?

**Yes, I found some of the questions weird but still very interesting. I liked how the interviewer did the speed run questions and talked about existential questions. Furthermore, I thought that the questions were very odd and unique, but it could help narrow who is eligible for the job.**

1. What does Mae think of Annie?

**Mae and Annie are good and close friends. Annie gets jealous of Mae’s success and in turn, Annie ignores Mae and becomes angrier. Mae is shocked after Annie melts down after not replying to her texts and gets scolded.**

1. What did you notice about the employees at The Circle?

**The employees at the Circle are very hardworking yet mindless. They work too hard and only think about work.**

1. Gina and Matt – the unique pair of people from HR - Imagine these two come up to you and have the discussion they just had with Mae instead with you – What would you have said to them? (Imagine being in her position) How are you feeling? How would you answer some of those questions? Do you get an underlying tone from their questioning?

**If Gina and Matt approached me, I would be overwhelmed and surprised. They acted too nice and I would think if they were manipulating me. I would answer to some of those questions as best as I could without being rude and there is an underlying tone from their questioning. Gina and Matt seem to want to be in control and they come off as creepy.**

1. Why is there such a forced push to get away from what is “old” or “outdated?”

**There is such a forced push to get away from what is “old” or “outdated” since new technology is always the new modern and the new now.**

1. What value can someone like Representative Santos have to The Circle?

**Someone like the Representative Santos hold value to The Circle because she has a voice. She sets an example for what people should be doing and should not fear the information that is being collected from them.**

1. What happened to Mercer after Mae posted a photo of his antler chandelier on The Circle’s social media page. Why was he receiving death threats?

**After Mae posted a photo of his antler chandelier on The Circle’s social media page, Mercer inadvertently drives off of a cliff with his car. He was receiving death threats because people are accusing him of torturing and killing animals.**

1. Why do you think The Circle very specifically targets younger people in its workforce?

**The Circle specifically targets younger people in the workforce because it wants the new generation to be the ones with a clean slate. The younger generation would have differing opinions from the older generations. Also, they’re the future of the nation and their opinions matter more than the older generation.**

**Final Questions**:

1. Although the film gets ridiculed for being overboard in respect to “this could never happen in a world of information” - the director wants you to be immersed in this world of information to understand how easy a group of people can fall victim to the ease of group mentality. Think about for a minute how the future generations of kids (look at our current generations who practically live with technology), will handle the idea of being so free with information. Do you see the film in some ways coming true later? Or do you feel it has already happened? Please explain.

**I don’t think that it’s reasonable to freely expose everyone’s information to the general public. This is because what if the wrong people get that information and target people using “public information.” I don’t see this as a possibility going into the real world, as people like their privacy and prefer to not have their personal information on public standby. It has happened to an extent, where people have been scammed for their information or people went to sketchy websites and entered their personal information to get it stolen.**