

the Help



Questions About Justice and Judgment

1. Why do you believe Hilly has the need to hurt others throughout the film?
2. Does Minny's pie bring justice for herself and/or the other maids? Explain.
3. Do believe Jackson will become a more just society as a result of the book the *Help*? Explain.
4. What price do the people in this film pay when they confront the injustice of racism?
5. In the movie one of the maids is quoted as saying "courage isn't just about being brave." What do you think was meant by this?
6. In the movie (but not the book) Skeeter's Mother, Charlotte Phelan, says "Courage sometimes skips a generation." Do you agree? What's the basis for your belief and Charlotte's statement?



Minny



Hilly



Celia



Skeeter

Questions About Society and Class

7. Celia doesn't even seem aware of false stereotypes about black people. Why?
8. Do you think that if had Aibileen stayed working for Miss Elizabeth, that Mae Mobley would have grown up to be racist like her mother? Do you think racism is inherent, or taught?
9. How does Celia Foote challenge the definition of "woman" in Jackson? Why is it that Jackson's women have a problem with her, while Jackson's men don't?
10. *The Help* has been a very successful best selling book. If the author had been black, how would the book have been received? Would it still have been a best seller?

