## FORREST GUMP REVIEW QUESTIONS AND APA CITATION

CITATION INFORMATION: Forrest Gump / Producers: Wendy Finerman, Steve Tisch, and Steve Starkey / Director: Robert Zemeckis /

Writer: Eric Roth / 1994 / Paramount Pictures / US

Major Characters: Cast

Tom Hanks ... Forrest Gump

Robin Wright Penn ... Jenny Curran

Gary Sinise ... Lt. Dan Taylor

Mykelti Williamson ... Pvt. Benjamin Buford 'Bubba' Blue

Sally Field ... Mrs. Gump

Rebecca Williams ... Nurse at Park Bench

Michael Conner Humphreys ... Young Forrest Gump

Harold G. Herthum ... Doctor

George Kelly ... Barber

Bob Penny ... Crony

John Randall ... Crony

Sam Anderson ... Principal

Margo Moorer ... Louise, Mrs. Gump's Housekeeper

## **Review questions:**

- 1. What is the constant theme of running pertaining to in the film?
- 2. What does the feather represent?

- 3. Why does Jenny want to be "free as a bird"?
- 4. List 5 elements from history he is "involved in" and explain the incident it portrays.
- 5. What is the message of the film?
- 6. What does the phrase "life is like a box of chocolates you never know what you are going to get" mean?
- 7. What does the phrase "stupid is as stupid does" mean?
- 8. What about this film makes it resonate with the audience fifteen years later?
- 9. Explain the message of the each of the main characters: Momma Gump, Forrest Gump, Jenny, Bubba Blue, Lt. Dan
- 10.In what manner is the story told and why is that important?
- 11. Why doesn't Mrs. Gump have a first name? Why does Forrest always say his full name and no one else has a first and last name?
- 12.List five themes from the film.
- 13. Why did we see the film?
- 14. Does the film comment on the history it portrays?