

Deep Impact

Deep Impact was one of several “end of the world” videos that Hollywood put out near the year 2000. It dealt with Earth being obliterated, or at least “life as we know it” ending. As you watch the Deep Impact video, answer these questions:

1. What is the name of the “star” that Leo’s girl friend thinks he is seeing?
2. What constellation is that star in?
3. What is the name of the comet?
4. Who is it named for?
5. Why were those names chosen?
6. Who/what does the reporter – Jenny Lerner - think ELE is?
7. What does ELE stand for?
8. What is the mission of the shuttle crew? What is the space ship named?
9. What is unusual about the space ship? Where is it being constructed?
10. The astronaut jobs are: shuttle pilot, navigator, physician, mission specialists, and Messiah pilot – why do they have two pilots?
Why is Fish needed on this trip?
11. What are the astronauts going to do to the comet?
12. What is a “mole”, as it pertains to this movie?
13. Why does Fish move the ship closer to the four astronauts while they are on the comet ?
14. What happens to Gus Partenza? What happens to Orrin Monash?
15. What happens to the comet after the explosion?
16. Who is going to be saved (the characteristics of the people – age, etc)
 - a. How many scientists, engineers, teachers, etc
 - b. How many ‘regular ‘ people are going?
17. How are the “regular” people chosen?
18. What ages are considered “not important” enough to be saved?
19. Where are these special people going to be taken? How long do they have to be there?
20. How does Leo try to save Sara and her family?
21. What does Leo do, when he and the others reach the “Ark”?
22. What do the astronauts decide to do, after the first explosion?
23. What do they predict will be done in their honor, later?
24. What happens to the asteroid?
25. Where does the smaller piece land?
26. How far inland do the waters come up?
27. ***Watch carefully as the asteroid enters the earth's atmosphere. When did sound begin?
28. ***T/F You could watch a comet at that size and at that speed move past you without ill effects.
29. ***What happened to clouds above the impact site upon asteroid-earth contact?
30. How do Leo and Sara survive? Is that probable?
31. Who else survives with Leo and Sara? What happens to Sara’s parents?
32. *** After watching the video: List at least 3 global effects of asteroid impact.

Here, I want your opinion on **whether the “end of the world” politics and humanity portrayed in the movie was realistic and believable.** Do so by:

1) ...giving one element or occurrence in the story involving the politics and people’s reactions to the approach of the comet that you thought was at least partially **realistic and why.**

2) ...giving one element or occurrence in the story involving the politics and people’s reactions to the approach of the comet that you thought was anywhere from somewhat to very **unrealistic and why.**