

Boek: Life of Pi

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Questions and answers

Assignment 1

1. What is the reason of Pi's bullying?
2. What does Pi do to stop the bullying?
3. What do the researchers want to know and why is that hard to know?
4. What is the problem with the Tsimtsum that causes it to sink?
5. Why does Pi's family move to Canada?
6. What would happen to the Animals?
7. Describe the ecosystem on the lifeboat
8. What did Pi realize was wrong with his plan?
9. Why was it difficult for Pi to kill the flying fish at first? What does this tell you about Pi's character?
10. What color would christianity be according to pi's perspective?
11. Who is the author?
12. Pi believes in three religions which makes him a religious person. However, he focuses more on science during his time abroad the lifeboat which helps him with his survival. Does it hinder him from being a strong believer?
13. Describe and explain the significance of the island?
14. How does Pi's upbringing in a zoo help him in his journey?
15. How does it hinder him?
16. What does Richard Parker represent?
17. By the way, which version of Pi's survival at sea story do you choose to believe in? Why?
18. Do you believe Pi forgets all too quickly about his family? Can we blame Pi for not talking about the loss of his brother and his parents?
19. Does the alternate story at the end explain it all?
20. Why do you think Pi is telling 2 versions of his story?

Answers

1. His name is Pi which sounds like pee.
2. He names all known decimals of the number Pi
3. The reason of the sinking of the ship
4. We can infer the ship sank due to a problem with the engines, which resulted in an explosion.
5. The zoo gets in financial troubles.
6. They would be sold in Canada.
7. The ecosystem on the lifeboat was unreal. Where else would an orangutan and a hyena live together? In real life the orangutan would be killed by the hyena.
8. In Chapter 55, Pi realizes that he cannot outlast Richard Parker because fear and desperation will overcome everything else. He also realizes that he, himself, can't survive on sea water.
9. It is difficult for Pi to kill his first fish because he likens himself to a murderer. Pi's character is compassionate and non-violent.
10. blue
11. Yann Martel
12. He believes in three religions because he is open to the world of possibilities. These possibilities include the world of science. Pi is able to balance the two and, at times, connect them in wonderful ways. Pi's openness to the possibilities to science and religion is part of what makes him such a compelling character.
13. Pi's upbringing prepares him to care for the animals, and also educates him on animal behavior. Pi is not completely ignorant when his journey begins.
14. It is hard for him to kill the animals, he feels related to the animals.
15. The island seems to be very unreal, and yet, this is what Martel wanted, it is his story.
16. Richard Parker represents Pi's uncivilized, primal side. He represents Pi's determination to survive.
17. Open answer
18. He still has a trauma.
19. No not really, you can replace the animals with humans.
20. Because the real story is too heavy to tell. He did the worst things to stay alive.

Monologue Assignment 3

I felt cold water, I didn't know what was going on the sea was rough. Suddenly I saw some animals swimming next to me. The sky was dark, I didn't know how I ended up in here. I saw the tiger named: Richard Parker, he was fighting for his life. I decided to help him. I saw a rescue boat I got in the boat and made another float next to the boat. I made sure Richard the tiger could climb into the float. 20 minutes later the ship has fully sunken.

Timeline Assignment 4

1963

Pi Patel was born

1969

Pi learned to swim

1975

He gets interested in religion

Shipwreck

07/02/1977

He heard a noise in the night, and went on deck only to find a storm. When he was going back to his cabin with Ravi, he noticed there was water on the floor. Then he went back on deck and was thrown aboard a lifeboat. 16 years old.

Killed his first fish

07/09/1977

Killed flying fish (broke neck)- Pi is very sad. Soon after he killed the dorado (beat with axe hilt)- ecstatic and proud."...a person can get used to anything, even killing"

Stopped looking for ships

08/17/1977

Stopped looking for a rescuer almost entirely (Martel, 191) Soon after expending all of his flares, he sees the very high improbability of being rescued by a ship.

No more raft

09/20/1977

During a brutal storm in which Pi got under the tarpaulin with Richard, the raft broke free and the lifeboat was gone.

Pi trains Richard Parker

09/30/1977

Pi wants to be able to get on the lifeboat more often, so he starts to assert his dominance by blowing a whistle loudly while rocking the boat and making him feel seasick. He finally is able to gain complete dominance over him during a stare-down over a dorado fish.

The Frenchman

10/27/1977

Pi is weak, and when he hears a voice, he decides to talk to it. At first they talk about food. Then Pi thinks it is Richard Parker that is talking to him. So, he asks him some questions, and in turn finds out he killed a man and a woman. When he hears the French accent, he realizes it is a person. The man boards Pi's lifeboat, and tries to kill him. Richard P. ends up killing the Frenchman.

Algae Island

12/14/1977

Pi and Richard Parker. come across the algae island (p 257).

The Fruit

01/05/1978

Pi encountered a tree with some fruit. So, he climbs this tree and sees how interesting it is. It has several stems, and as he picks it up it is very light. Before this, he had never even imagined going back onto the lifeboat. It was not in fact fruit, but human teeth covered in leaves. There were 32 "fruit", and entire human set. Not only this, but a searing pain shot up into his feet as he stepped onto the algae at night. The island was carnivorous (p 280).

Pi and R.P. leave the island

01/06/1978

They leave the island together, and take some algae on a rope behind the boat, and as much food as will fit in the lifeboat. Grief, ache, and endurance is all that follows on his trip. So he turns to God.

Journey on the sea ends

02/14/1978

As they landed on the beach, Richard Parker left the boat and went straight into the forest. Pi never got a chance to say goodbye. He was found some hours later by some people. Pi survived at sea for 227 days.

Benito Juarez Infirmary, Tomatlan, Mexico
02/19/1978

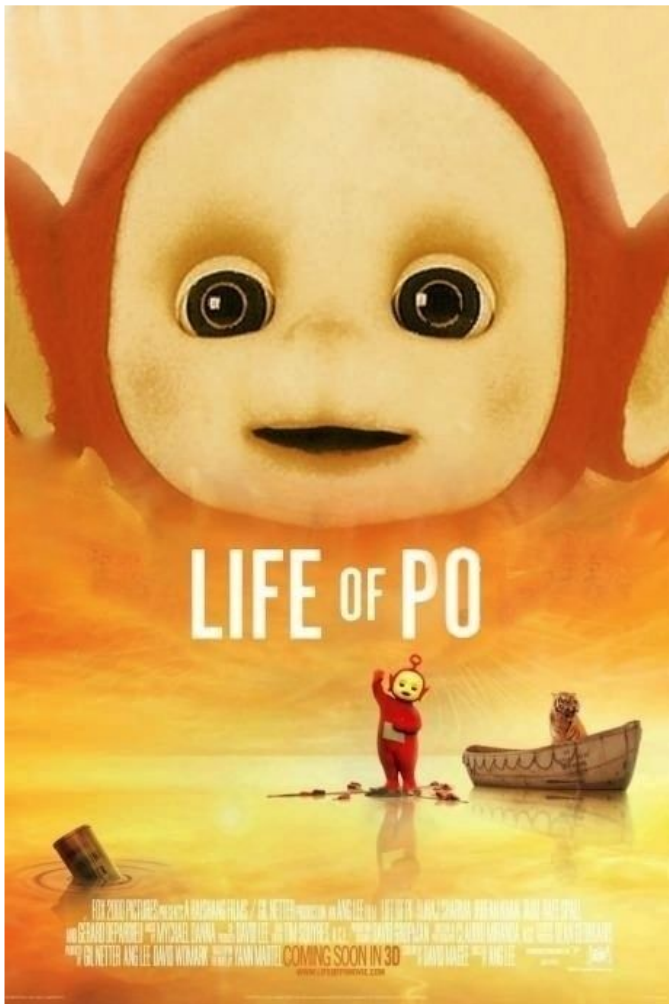
Pi is visited by by two men (Mr. Okamoto, and Mr. Chiba), and is asked to tell his story. They don't believe that bananas float, or in the carnivorous island. They also are uncertain about the truth behind the tiger."Don't bully me with your politeness! Love is hard to believe, ask any lover. Life is hard to believe, ask any scientist. God is hard to believe, ask any believer. What is your problem with hard to believe?" Pi Patel " I know what you want. You want a story that won't surprise you. That will confirm what you already know. That won't make you see higher or further or differently. You want a flat story. An immobile story. You want dry, yeastless factuality." (p 302).

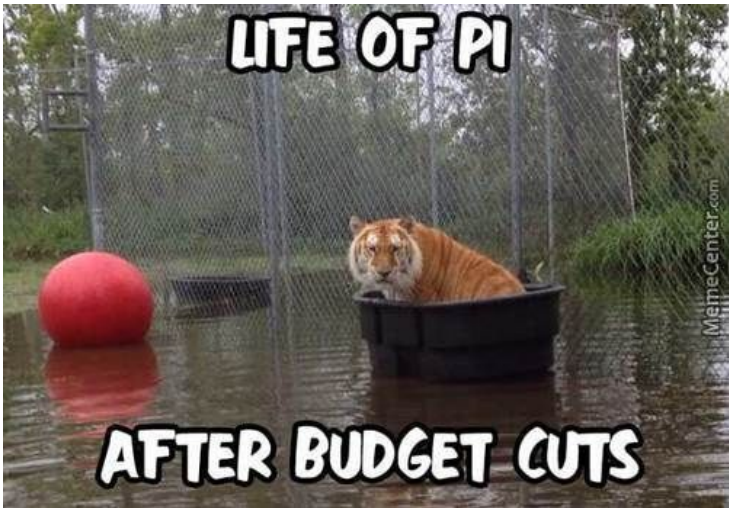
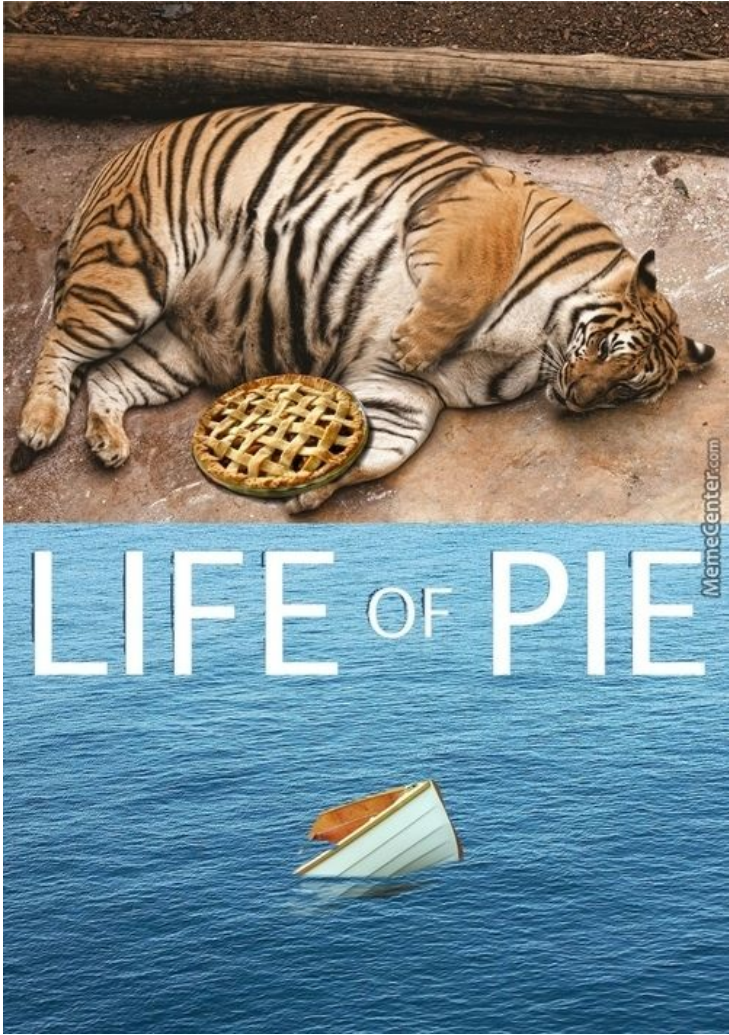
Email Assignment 6

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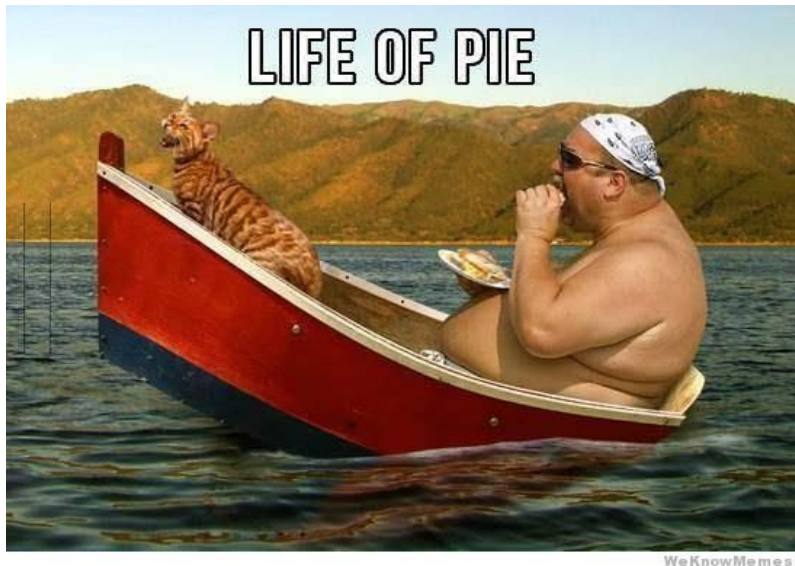
I recently finished reading Life of Pi by Yann Martel. It was amazing and I immediately recommended it to everyone. One friend said It's just about a boy stuck in the middle of the ocean with a tiger. That doesn't seem very exciting. When I first read the summary on the back cover I wasn't to excited about reading it either. But it had been recommended to me and once I started reading I was immediately caught in the story. So, if you don't see a reason to read a book about a boy, a lifeboat and a tiger, allow me to give you 3 reasons to read this book.

1. A surprising amount of action and fantasy. You might think that this book will be similar to the movie Castaway. There is a big difference, however. Pi, the main character, is not stuck at sea or on a deserted island alone. There are animals onboard with him and each of them have distinct personalities that cause conflict, action and suspense. Plus, he is at sea for an insane amount of time and overcomes the most challenging obstacles. His day to day survival stays suspense.
2. The ending will make you want to read it again. I liked the book until I got to the ending, then I loved it. I won't say much on this point because I don't want to spoiler everything , but honestly the ending was a complete surprised and changed my outlook on the whole book. When I'm done going through my book bucket list, I plan on reading Life of Pi again. Knowing how it ends will give me new insights into the rest of the book.
But that will takes a lot of time so I decided to go and see the movie.
3. There are great memes made of life of Pi.





My favorite



Greetings,
Beau van der Meer

Differences between the book and the film Assignment 8

I've seen a lot of books made into movies but none was almost the same as Life of Pi. Based on the novel by Yann Martel, Ang Lee's film. There are too many movies have made the mistake of falling into the category of a visual book in my opinion. Until the point where you're thinking, Hey, where'd my book go?

But the movie Life of Pi is almost exactly the same as the book. Of course there are some differences. In the book he tells the researchers a little bit about his younger years, but in the movie he doesn't tell anything about his youth.

The structure of the story remains the same in the book as in the film.

While both book and film share the same ending, their tones are much different and can lead the audience to different conclusions. In the novel, Pi appears annoyed with the two men and almost seems to tell them the story just so they will leave him alone. But the similarities in both the reader has to decide which story is true. When Pi tells the story in the film, he becomes visibly upset, especially when describing his mother's death. Where the ending of the book is much more ambiguous, the tone of the film seems to suggest that Pi made up the story with Richard Parker in order to cope with the horrible things that happened on his lifeboat.

I prefer the book actually. First, it takes much longer to read it. It's like you are really in the story. Secondly, the book has an more open ending. It leaves the ending more the choice of the reader, which is in my opinion the best. It's a real philosophical story.

