

# "Dead poets society"- Look at things in a different way

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## **Dead Poets Society**

is an American drama film set in 1959 at a conservative boarding school. The plot revolves around an unconventional English teacher who tries to inspire his students through his lessons of poetry.



Watch the scene from the film and answer the questions below:

1. The teacher conducts a practical exercise with the students to make them realize that our perspectives should change from time to time. "We must constantly look at things in a different way."Have you ever tried that?

2. "Just when you think you know something, you have to look at it in another way, even though it might seem silly or wrong, you must try". Has it ever happened to you to be sure about something which turned out to be the opposite or in some ways different than what you had expected? Do you think this teacher's advice helps when trying to understand people with different opinions from ours? 3. "When you read, don't just consider what the author thinks, consider what you think". Are you ever worried about finding the "right" meaning of the literary texts you read? How were the lessons of literature you have attended so far? Did the teachers encourage personal opinions? Should teaching be based only on the opinions of the individuals?

4. "You have to strive to find your own voice. Because the longer you wait to begin, the less likely you are to find it at all." Do you believe it's important for society to have members with their own voices? Is modern education based on that?

5. "Thoreau said: Most men live lives of quiet desperation". What does this mean? Do you agree?





**Dead Poets Society** is a 1989 American coming-of-age drama film directed by Peter Weir and written by Tom Schulman. The film, starring Robin Williams, is set in 1959 at a fictional elite boarding school called Welton Academy, and tells the story of an English teacher who inspires his students through his teaching of poetry. The film was a critical and commercial success and it received numerous accolades, including Academy Award nominations for Best Picture and Best Director, as well as a Best Actor nomination for Williams. (information from Wikipedia)

You can watch the trailer of the film here:

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