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“Zero”, an animated film about prejudices

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Watch the film and answer the questions that follow



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2. What did Zero learn at school and how was his life there?
3. Was he discouraged by the difficulties he faced while searching for a job? Justify your answer.
4. Describe the scene when he met the girl.
5. How did Zero feel during the relationship?
6. How did he feel in prison? What happened there?
7. How did the rest of the people react and why?
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“Zero” Teacher’s B2



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The number of opportunities they will have, their value in society

2. What did Zero learn at school and how was his life there?

Important lessons like his value in society, it was forbidden for his kind to multiply, everybody blamed him, he was beaten by the teacher. Sometimes they invited him to their plays just to treat him badly

3. Was he discouraged by the difficulties he faced while searching for a job? Justify your answer.

No, because he didn't want to be a negative number

4. Describe the scene when he met the girl

One night as he was sleeping in the street some boys were mistreating a girl, then he intervened and they beat him

5. How did Zero feel during the relationship?

He felt unaware of his lonely number, he felt as important as a three or even a four. They spent much time together. The most wonderful sensation was the feeling of belonging. They knew of course that their love was forbidden.

6. How did he feel in prison? What happened there?

He didn't know how he would continue without his love. The girl went there and showed him that she was pregnant. She fell on the ground and gave birth in the middle of the street.

7. How did the rest of the people react and why?

They bowed because the newborn bore the mark of infinity, the largest and most respected number people had ever seen.

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Students' own answers here may vary, the main point of the film, however, has to do with prejudices.



Zero is a short animated film about prejudices. The film was **directed by** Christopher Kezelos and it has screened in over 50 festivals and has won 15 awards, including 'Best Animation' from LA Shorts Fest and the Rhode Island International Film Festival, and has been nominated for an AFI Award in the 'Best Short Animation' category. Since its YouTube premiere on May 25, 2011, Zero has been translated into over 40 languages by its many enthusiastic fans.

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