

***Fiddler on the Roof* Movie Review Answer Key**

1. What observations did you make about the relationship between parents and children in *Fiddler on the Roof* based on their conversations with each other?
 - Children are expected to listen to their parents and do as they are told. Parents are expected to have their children's best interests at heart and to make good decisions for them.
2. In what ways does Hodel show respect and gratitude for Tevye?
 - Hodel shows respect for Tevye by asking for his blessing, along with Perchik. Hodel shows gratitude for Tevye by thanking him for deciding to give her and Perchik his blessing, knowing how difficult it is for her father to accept the way things are changing.
3. How do Hodel, Perchik, and Tevye see their duties and responsibilities?
 - Hodel, Perchik, and Tevye see their duties and responsibilities as important obligations they must fulfill and as integral to who they are as people. Hodel sees it as her duty to listen to and respect her father. She sees it as her responsibility to follow her heart and choose the man *she* wants to marry.
 - Perchik sees it as his duty to work for change in the country and in the world when he sees injustices taking place.
 - Tevye sees his duties as providing for his family, obeying God, and following the traditions of his religion and culture. He sees it as his responsibility to make sure his family is happy.
4. How does Tevye show his respect for Hodel's growing sense of freedom, and why is this difficult for him?
 - Tevye shows his respect for Hodel's growing sense of freedom by seriously considering her and Perchik's request for a blessing instead of rejecting it outright, and by acknowledging that Hodel is capable of choosing a husband for herself.
 - This is difficult for Tevye because according to the tradition he lives by, children do not choose their lifestyle or their spouse for themselves but leave these important decisions up to the wisdom of their parents and the matchmaker.
5. Based on your conversation with your parents, how has the relationship between children and parents changed since your parents were children?
 - *Answers will vary.*
6. What factors in our society challenge family life and have an effect on the relationship between parents and children?
 - *Answers will vary.*
7. How do traditions help to strengthen family life?
 - Traditions help to strengthen family life by giving children and parents (and other family members) ways to grow closer to each other and ways to rely on each other for help and support.
 - Traditions also help each family member understand their role in the family and what they need to do for one another.

