



Post-Viewing Discussion:

Discussion Questions	Your Response
What purpose did the execution of Matthew Poncelet serve?	
Was justice achieved in his execution?	
What do you think is the director's intention in making this film?	
Does the director have a message for his viewers? Cite specific evidence to support your view.	

Discussion Ground Rules:

- Speak the truth and be open about your own beliefs.
- Be respectful towards others who have differing beliefs.
- Listen actively, do not interrupt and do not blame/criticise.



Concept Building via Paul’s Wheel: Capital Punishment:

<p>POV</p> <p><i>Victim’s families/ Perpetrator’s families/ Death-Row inmates/ General Public Perception/ The Religious/ Governments</i></p>	<p>Key Question/Issue</p> <p><i>Should Capital Punishment be abolished?</i></p>	<p>Purpose</p> <p><i>To argue FOR/AGAINST capital punishment by showing that it is immoral/ineffective/barbaric.</i></p>
<p>Essential Concepts</p> <p><i>Utilitarian? Retributive? Pro-Life (Sanctity of life)? Pragmatism? UDHR? Life-Imprisonment? Racial/Class Prejudice? Democracy? Justice?</i></p>	<p>Capital Punishment</p>	<p>Information/Evidence</p> <p><i>Statistics on Capital Punishment/ Human Fallibility/Circumstantial or Situational Factors e.g. class, upbringing etc.</i></p>
<p>Interpretation and Inference (From Evidence)</p> <p><i>Studies/ Statistics/ Interviews/ Judicial Records/ Case-Studies</i></p>	<p>Assumptions</p> <p><i>Hobbesian (redemption is beyond some men, subscribes to lex- talionis) OR Rehabilitative view (man is capable of redemption)</i></p>	<p>Implications/Consequences</p> <p><i>Irreversible consequences in a wrongful trial</i></p> <p><i>Consider an alternative society without the death penalty.</i></p>