



Rain
(Bahamas, 93 minutes)
Director: Maria Govan

Synopsis

When her grandma dies, 14-year-old Rain is sent to live with her drug-addicted mother in the poverty-stricken ghettos of Nassau. The irony of disease, drug addictions, prostitution, and poverty—set against the tourist-filled island backdrop—is difficult to ignore as these women struggle to find an inner strength to overcome their seemingly inescapable destiny.

Note: This film contains strong sexual content and drug use.

Study Ideas/Questions

1. Rain's life changes dramatically when her grandmother passes away. Have you ever experienced a sudden, dramatic shift in your life? How did that experience change your perception of life and your lifestyle?
2. Rain's mother is a troubled character, who is addicted to drugs and occasionally prostitutes herself for money. Do you know someone in your family, community, group of friends who struggles with addiction or "personal demons?"
3. Ms. Adams is a positive force in Rain's life. Who do you know who encourages you to follow your dreams or move away from negativity?
4. We learn parts of Ms. Adams story. What can you say about Ms. Adams, and her possible motivation to help Rain? In helping Rain, is she also helping herself?
5. Rain moves from a small island community to a larger urban area. How are these two places different? Are there ways they are similar?
6. Rain realizes running takes her away from some of the problems she experiences at home. Do you have a hobby, sport, or group of friends that do the same for you?
7. The neighborhood where Rain and her mother lived was called "The Graveyard." Why was it called that, and do you think there similar places in Chicago? Have you experienced those places?
8. Rain's mother prostitutes herself to earn money to pay for Rain's school tuition, but Rain refuses to take it. Why do you think she refused?
9. Rain encounters different characters in her environment. What character stuck out to you as the most memorable? Ms. Adams? Rain's mother? The violent drifter? Why were they memorable for you?
10. How do you think the story continues? We end with Rain running. Does she continue to run? Where do her feet take you?

Useful websites

<http://www.rainafilm.com/>

<http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0965440/>

www.chicagofilmfestival.com

<http://www.screendaily.com/rain-lluvia/4040675.article>

