

Lorenzo's Oil Movie Questions

1. Lorenzo begins to experience problems at school and at home. What symptoms of the disease first appeared?
2. How does "Lorenzo's Oil" show the importance of a well-rounded science education?
3. Why does Michaela Murphy Odone's (Lorenzo's mother) family receive genetic counseling?
4. Why was Lorenzo put on a diet restricting saturated fats?
5. Throughout the film there were conflicts between the scientific community and the Odone's. What was the underlying reason for these conflicts? (Name at least 3 from the movie).
6. What do the paperclips and chains represent in Augusto's dream about them?
7. Medical doctors rarely discover cures for diseases and may be unaware of new treatments for diseases. Why is it important for patients to become well informed about diseases or disorders that they are diagnosed with?
8. It is very important for boys that have the condition Lorenzo had to start treatment very early in life, why?
9. The testing for genetic diseases is controversial, what are some benefits and problems with genetic testing? (Name at least 2 of each).
10. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has very strict guidelines for medical testing and drugs that take years to develop and market a new drug. In what ways is that process good, and how is it bad? (Name at least 2 of each).