

Children of Men

Quotes



If you want to write good essays about *Children of Men*, it helps to be able to quote the film directly. So we are going to learn off some quotes by heart.

During *Children of Men*, we often see posters, graffiti or TV captions in the background. Here are some:

- ***The last one to die please turn out the light***
- ***Only Britain soldiers on***
- ***Avoiding fertility tests is a crime***
- ***Jobs for the Brits***
- ***To hire, feed or shelter illegal immigrants is a crime***

Choose any 2 of these quotes and write 3-5 lines explaining what it means in the context of the film.

Pessimistic quotes:

Julian: Y'know that ringing in your ears? That 'eeeeeeeeeeee'? That's the sound of the ear cells dying, like their swan song. Once it's gone you'll never hear that frequency again. Enjoy it while it lasts.

Miriam: As the sound of the playgrounds faded, the despair set in. Very odd, what happens in a world without children's voices.

Theo: What keeps you going?

Nigel: You know what it is, Theo? I just don't think about it.

Luke: Julian was wrong. She thought it could be peaceful. But how can it be peaceful when they try to take away your dignity?

Optimistic, humorous quotes:

Jasper: Pull my finger.

Theo: Who's the father?

Kee: I'm a virgin. Nah! Be great, though, wouldn't it? F*** knows. I don't know half the w*****s' names.

Jasper: Your baby is the miracle the whole world has been waiting for.

Choose one quote from each slide and take it down.

Learn off your two quotes! Then close your copybook and practise saying your lines with your neighbour.



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