“Julie and Julia” Questions

# Answer the following questions as you watch the movie. Submit for marks at the end of the class.

1. What is it about JULIA that makes her a role model for JULIE as she writes her blog?
2. JULIE cooks, shops, eats and entertains in a very urban setting. Is the experience of her cooking and eating and writing the same as it would be if she did these things in a suburban or rural setting?  Would she have more or less access to ingredients and tools, and why?
3. How well does JULIA do at le Cordon Bleu Cooking School? Do you think the fact that she is a woman made her experience different from the others in her class?
4. Food is a very important part of JULIA’S life. Describe how she demonstrates this throughout the movie.
5. Do you think that JULIE has the same love of food as JULIA? Explain.
6. How is JULIE’S experience with food in New York different from the way JULIA experiences food in Paris?
7. So often in Canada, we focus on healthy eating. JULIA and JULIE focus on the taste and experience of enjoying food. Do you agree or disagree with the statement “you can never have too much butter”? Explain.
8. What is the proper way to cook mushrooms, according to JULIE?
9. What events led up to JULIA’S creation of her cookbook entitled “Mastering The Art of French Cooking”?
10. JULIE’S kitchen was small and not very convenient. In what ways did this set up affect her experience of recreating all of Julia’s dishes?
11. List some of the recipes that JULIE prepared. For each that you list, do you think you would have the skills to prepare it successfully?
12. Why do you think JULIA was uninterested in meeting JULIE?
13. What did JULIE leave behind at the Smithsonian exhibit about JULIA?
14. How have cooking shows changed since JULIA first appeared on PBS television?