**“Awakenings” movie questions-**

1. What caused the brain damage to the “frozen” people in the film.
2. Why do you think Lucy could keep walking when the pattern on the floor continued?
3. How was music important to the “frozen” people and what kind of music worked?
4. Using the Ouija board, Leonard spelled out the name of the poem “The Panther” by Karl Rainer Rilke. Dr. Sayer later finds the poem. What it it about and why is it important to Leonard?
5. Why did Dr. Sayer have to stop using the drug L-Dopa on the “frozen” patients?
6. What has happened to the patients since the summer of 1969?

**POST MOVIE** QUESTIONS:

1. Do you think Dr. Sayer is justified in experimenting with drugs on his patients before research was conducted to find out how the drugs would effect the people? What were some of his motivations for doing the experiment? What do you think would have happened if the patients had died as a result of the drug treatments?

2. What do you think it would be like to be trapped in your body for many years like the people in the movie? Would you want the doctors to take risks with your life to try and help your condition? Why?

3. What difference did you see as to how the patients were treated at the end of the movie as opposed to the beginning of the movie? Why do you think the staff and visitors acted this way? What does this tell us about how we can change our own behavior toward people with physical and mental challenges? What would you do?

4. What was your overall feeling about the movie? Do you think it was worth watching in a Physiology class? Why or why not?