## Preview Questions for I am sam

These are a series of questions that came to mind as we watched the first part of i am sam. Think about them. The answers will help you focus in on the film and will help prepare you for the assignment. The questions are not in any particular order.

- 1. Why the Beatle music?
- 2. Why Starbucks?
- 3. Why the compulsive behaviour?
- 4. How do the body language, mannerisms and speech reinforce the main theme?
- 5. What filming techniques are used to reinforce the theme?
- 6. What is the main theme of the movie?
- 7. What characteristics of Sam's friends help reinforce the theme?
- 8. There is a remarkable difference between Sam and his lawyer. Why does this difference exist? How does it reinforce or detract from the film's main theme?
- 9. Why did Sam's lawyer decide to take the case "pro bono"?
- 10. What is the pivotal significance of Lucy's birthday party?
- 11. What is your reaction to the prosecuting attorney? Why?
- 12. What is the significance of the shoe buying scene?
- 13. Why does Lucy say she is "stupid"?
- 14. What is the significance of Dr. Seuss' book "Green Eggs and Ham"?
- 15. What is the significance of the scene showing Lucy's class project presentation?
- 16. What is the purpose of the scene with the prostitute?
- 17. Why is Sam nervous about going to a new restaurant?
- 18. Why did Luch tell her friends that she was adopted?