Galileo: Challenge of Reason

Film Questions

1. In what year is the film set?
2. In what language was Galileo’s book written?
3. What does Galileo start with in his experiments?
4. What did Galileo prove with an orange and a grape?
5. Where did nerves come from according to Aristotle?
6. What did the cardinal believe was “wrong” with Galileo’s telescope?
7. Who did the Jesuit priest say Galileo was more dangerous than?
8. What did the Jesuit priest believe should happen to Galileo?
9. How old was Galileo when he was put on trial?
10. What advice did the Commissary General give Galileo?
11. What did Galileo do at the end of his trial?
12. What was his punishment?
13. Where were his final two books published?

Reflection Questions:

1. Why were church leaders threatened by Galileo’s ideas? Do you think they were right to feel threatened? Why or why not?
2. Why did Galileo renounce his scientific beliefs about the nature of the universe in the face of the Roman Inquisition? Was it the right decision? What would you have done?