



The Theory of Everything

“I am always a big fan of the movies reflecting true stories and am glad I had the opportunity to see this movie in the theaters for my birthday. I found it to be an excellent portrayal of who Stephen Hawking was in his younger days. Actor Eddie Redmayne did an incredible job in showing his disability and how it consumed his life and the relationships around him. Pay close attention to the soundtrack used for the film as well. The composition of music even has a “physics” tone to it. I highly recommend both the plot and acting. It’s a true love story.”

-Lauren

Synopsis:

As a young man at school, it was already clear that Stephen Hawking had an exceptional mind. Having won a scholarship to the University of Oxford, his future looked extremely bright. Going on to Cambridge, he meets and falls in love with Jane Wilde, and the two become engaged.

Stephen begins to have health problems and discovers he has a debilitating motor neuron disease known as ALS. Given two years to live, he's understandably devastated.

As Stephen's health problems become apparent to all, Jane insists they get married anyway. She helps him in every way possible, becoming his full-time caregiver.

Stephen, who authors the bestselling book *A Brief History of Time*, becomes a renowned astrophysicist. Overwhelmed by her role of mother to two small children as well as being Stephen's only caregiver, when her husband falls ill and the doctor recommends that he be taken off life support, Jane doesn't hesitate when making her decision.

Questions:

Name the characters shown below:



1) _____



2) _____



3) _____



4) _____

Fill in the blank with the appropriate answer:

1. At which university does Stephen Hawking study?

2. In what does he major in his studies?

3. What is the actual definition of a black hole?

Answer the following questions in long form:

1. In the story, does Jane decide to leave Stephen or does Stephen leave Jane? Who walks away from the marriage? Explain what specific parts of the movie prove your opinion.

2. Do you think that Jane should have told Stephen about her feelings for his friend earlier than she did? Why?

3. If you became aware of a life-changing illness that your future spouse had, would you still marry them? Why or why not?
