

"Lights, Camera, Literacy! PART TWO"
Symbolism and Metaphors: *Akeelah's Glasses*

When does Doug Atchison have *Akeelah* wear her glasses in the film ***AKEELAH AND THE BEE?***

Place a check next to each scene where you think *Akeelah* was wearing her glasses:

- ___1) Opening scene: Walking in her neighborhood.
- ___2) Receiving her 100% spelling test from her teacher.
- ___3) Playing the computer Scrabble game in her room.
- ___4) Meeting Dr. Larabee for the first time at school.
- ___5) Taking part in her school spelling bee.
- ___6) Watching the tape of the National Spelling Bee.
- ___7) Going to Dr. Larabee's house for the first time.
- ___8) Studying words in the dictionary.
- ___9) Going to the Los Angeles (L.A.) School District Spelling Bee.
- ___10) Registering for the L.A. District Spelling Bee.
- ___11) Riding home from the L.A. District Spelling Bee.
- ___12) Going to Woodland Hills for the study group.
- ___13) Studying with Dr. Larabee at his home.
- ___14) Going to Javier's birthday party.
- ___15) Being interviewed by the television reporters.
- ___16) Talking to herself in the mirror at the National Spelling Bee.
- ___17) Ending scene: Montage in her neighborhood.

Was there any pattern or metaphorical interpretation that guided your guesses? _____

As you now watch *AKEELAH AND THE BEE* again, check your answers and change any that were incorrect, so that you have an accurate list of the times *Akeelah* did or did not wear her glasses.

What do you think Doug Atchison wanted her glasses to represent?
