

### Discussion Questions for *Dead Poets Society*

**Some of the major characters to watch for:** John Keating, Neil Perry, Todd Anderson, Knox Overstreet, Charlie Dalton, Richard Cameron, Steven Meeks, Gerald Pitts, Mr. Nolan, Mr. Perry

1. Mr. Keating has an almost incalculable influence on his students. In a mere few months he profoundly changed their lives. What are some examples of this influence?
2. Why does Mr. Keating have such an influence on his students? Why do they so loyally follow this leader?
3. One answer to Question 2, and the primary reason we use this video case, is that Keating habitually encourages / affirms his students. (A) Why is that effective, (B) how is it connected to humility, and (C) what might be in the way of becoming this sort of encouraging leader?
4. Contrast the leadership style of Mr. Keating with that of Mr. Nolan (the headmaster) and Mr. Perry (Neil's dad). Both of these styles get results, don't they? So why choose the former?
5. What are the most important leadership lessons you have gleaned from this story?