The Lighthouse

Questions to ask: Pause the film after 40 seconds when we first see the lighthouse keeper at his desk. Why is this scene included in the film? Can we describe the setting in 3 sentences? When do you think the story is set?

Pause the film after the candle blows out. Does the lighthouse keeper like his neighbours? How does the director build the tension in this scene? What words do you think the lighthouse keeper would use to describe the people of the village? What do you think the lighthouse keeper would be saying to himself when the lantern at the top of the lighthouse goes out?

Pause the film after the lighthouse keeper sees the ship. How do you think he feels when he sees the ship? The lighthouse keeper begins to panic – how can we show through his actions or feelings this sense of panic?

Pause the film when the lighthouse keeper gets to the bottom of the steps.

Where do you think he is going? Do you think the villagers will help him? Predict what you think will happen in the rest of the film. Watch the film until the end.

How does the lighthouse keeper feel at the end? Do you think he feels differently about his neighbours now?

What do you think will happen next time there is a party in the village?

Note: there are no answers for these discussion questions.