

1. Describe the 19th century Philippines as represented in the film.

The Philippines during the 19th century was under the colony of Spain as represented in the film "Ganito kami Noon, Paano Kayo Ngayon". It was shown that the priest were powerful that time for they have close connections with the Spanish government as well as they have enough wealth. Filipinos were living in fear because of the cruelty of the Spaniards that is why, some of them were living in mountainous area to hide themselves.

2. Based on your reading, what can you say about the film's representation of the 19th century?

Based on my reading, the film has really interpreted the situation of the Philippines during the 19th century. Slavery is very evident as well as abuse of authority was there. Being against with the government is like a suicidal act that is why, revolutionary groups are very careful with every actions that they are planning to do. On the other hand, being friend with the priest and the government is an advantage for they could help you in trouble. It is also said that priests are more powerful than the government officials because its term of service. Government officials had a short term stay and they are shifted to the other place, while the priest stays for a long term.

3. What is the main question that the film seeks to answer?

The main question that is frequently asked in the film was "Who is the Filipino?". The said question was given a variety of answers such as Filipino is one who fought for his/her country, while the other say Filipinos are ones who were born and the original settlers of the Philippines. The answer for the question seemed to be unclear since then. It clearly shows that during the 19th century, Philippine folks still has confusion with their identity.

4. What is your reflection based on the film and your understanding?

The 19th century has really brought the Philippines with so many challenges such as abuses, slavery and unjust government. Spaniards were able to manipulate the people and a massive killings occurred during their time. But as we look at its other side, those challenges has just unravelled that Filipinos has the idea of what's right for them and they were able to withstand for it. Those unrighteous actions of the powerful people pushed the Filipinos to revolutionize and to put an end to the system of life they had during those time. With it, the Filipino people unite for a common goal and was able to capture the freedom from the Spanish colony that they have been fighting for so long. I have sought out that the 19th century was not just about a challenge from a cruel ruler, but rather, it is also about the challenge for nation building.