

# Drumline

no place for a one-man band

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## Cast

Nick Cannon . . . . . Devon Myles  
Zoe Saldana . . . . . Laila  
Orlando Jones . . . . . Dr. Lee  
Leonard Roberts . . . . . Sean Taylor  
GQ . . . . . Jayson  
Jason Weaver . . . . . Ernest  
Earl Poitier . . . . . Charles  
Shay Roundtree . . . . . Big Rob  
J. Anthony Brown . . . . . Mr. Wade  
Afemo Omilami . . . . . President Wagner  
Angela E. Gibbs . . . . . Dorothy  
Tyreese Burnett . . . . . Henry  
Brandon Hirsch . . . . . Buck Wild

## Questions:

1. How do the opening scenes at graduation show that Devon Myles doesn't mind standing out in a crowd?
2. How does the scene with his dad in the subway booth demonstrate the strength of Devon's character?
3. a) Why are the first year students supposed to wear white shirts?  
b) How does Devon show his independence of this rule?  
c) How does this go against "one band one sound"?
4. Does Devon's attitude of "you gotta give respect to get it" work in his present situation? Why?
5. What conflict does Dr. Lee's attitude towards the music cause with his boss?
6. What does Dr. Lee mean when he says, "You have to learn to follow before you can lead, Mr. Myles"?

7. How does Devon's solo at the first half-time show go against Dr. Lee's dictum of *one band, one sound*?
8.
  - a) For all of Devon's confidence in his ability as a drummer, what is his weakness? Why has he hid it?
  - b) Why is Dr. Lee upset with Devon's lying?
  - c) What is Dr. Lee trying to teach Devon about music? About being in a band?
9.
  - a) Why is Devon allowed back into the band even though he hasn't learned to read music?
  - b) Was this a good idea? Why?
10. How is the section leader, Sean Taylor, supposed to lead the line?
11. Why is there no place for attitude in something like a band? What is teamwork in a band?
12. Why doesn't Devon accept the offer to join the rival school, Morris Brown College?
13. What does Devon learn about his relationship with Laila? Why does he want to "start all over again" with Laila?
14. What does Devon learn about leadership? What type of leadership does Dr. Lee demonstrate?