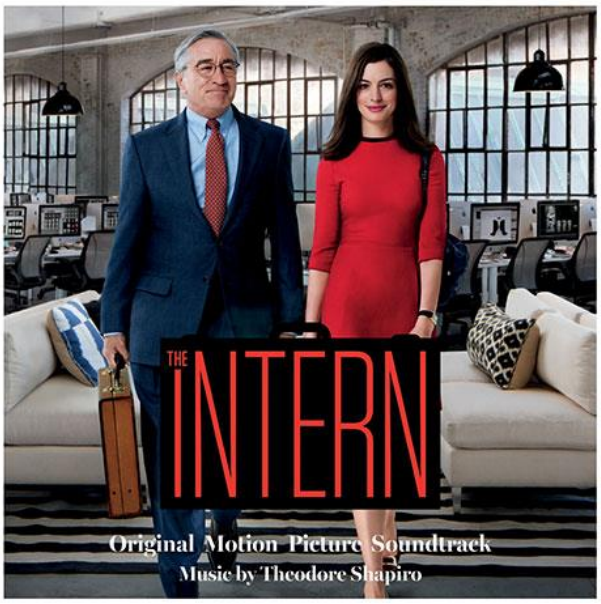
Film Appreciation Worksheet

"The Intern" (2015)



Length: 121 minutes

Directed by: Nancy Meyers

Cast: Robert De Niro as Ben Whittaker (Senior Intern of About the Fit)

Anne Hathaway as Jules Ostin (CEO of About the Fit)

Movie Genre: Comedy/Drama

Plot:

Ben Whittaker, a seventy-year-old widower, is a retired executive from DEX One with experience in managing the printing of phonebooks. He found his retirement life too boring. So he applies for the Senior Internship Programme at "About the Fit"—a fast-growing e-commerce fashion company owned by Jules Ostin.

Ben is assigned to work under Jules; however, he is isolated by her. Jules was under great pressure as the investors of her company are planning to assign a new CEO to help her manage her e-commerce fashion business. Ben slowly gains trust from Jules and becomes very committed to her. He eventually becomes a role-model for his co-workers, even including Jules. He has developed a good relationship with all the people in the company.

While searching for a new potential CEO for her company, Jules is inspired by Ben that she is the only one who has the greatest passion towards her own company as it is her dream. Eventually, she changes her mind. Instead of looking for a new CEO, she continues to run the company.

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Exercise

A. Vocabulary Building

Match the vocabulary words with the correct meaning according to the dictionary definitions.

internship	co-worker	e-commerce
widower	old-school	retirement

1. A man whose wife or husband has died and who has not married again. _____
2. The period in someone's life after they have stopped working because of having reached a particular age. _____
3. A period of time during which someone works for a company or organization in order to get some experience of a particular type of work. _____
4. The business of buying and selling goods and services on the Internet. _____
5. Not modern; belonging to or typical of a time in the past. _____
6. A person who you work with, especially someone with a similar job or level of responsibility. _____

B. Discussion time

B1. Before watching the movie, discuss the following questions:

1. Have you ever thought of your retirement life?
2. Will you work in your retirement? Why?

B2. Watch the first part of the movie (00:00 – 28:03) and discuss the following questions:

1. What are the requirements for a Senior Intern in "About the Fit"?
2. Why does Ben apply for the Senior Internship Programme?
3. Why does "About the Fit" ask applicants to send them a cover letter video instead of just a cover letter when applying to the advertised positions?
4. What does Ben prepare for his first day of work? And what are the different things that Ben and his younger co-workers prepare for work? Why is such a difference?

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C. Sentence Writing

Write a few sentences to describe Ben Whittaker and Jules Ostin according to the themes.

Theme	Sentence
Ben Whittaker's retirement life	
Ben Whittaker's working experiences	
Jules Ostin's working style	

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