

Film Appreciation

Name of Movie: I am Sam (2001)

Directed by: Jessie Nelson

Major Characters:

Sam Dawson	(Single father of Lucy who is mentally challenged)
Lucy Dawson	(Daughter of Sam with intelligence)
Annie Cassell	(agoraphobic neighbour of Sam and Lucy; take care of Lucy)
Rita Harrison	(lawyer of Sam and a mother who does not pay enough attention to her son)
Randy Carpenter	(a woman who has a complete family and try to adopt Lucy)

Movie Genre: Drama

Guidelines for teachers

Step	Duration (mins)	Procedure
1.	10 – 15	Ss take turn reading aloud the plot summary. T asks questions to check students' understanding of the movie. T elicits questions from Ss about the content of the movie.
2.	30 – 40	T plays movie clips one by one (highlights). T shows the questions following each clip and pairs up students. Allow them time to discuss the answers to the questions. Ss take turns to present their answers.
3.	25	T plays movie clips one by one (Section B) Ss discuss with groupmates to find out the characteristics of the major characters.

		T shares the answers.
4.	40	<p>T shares the suggested layout of writing a movie review.</p> <p>Ss read the template of the movie review. After reading it, Ss start writing their own movie review of “I am Sam”.</p> <p>T provides feedback.</p>

(Answer Key)

B. Characterization in the movie

Watch the following clips and identify the characterization of the following people.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MqIJKnUkGLY>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-XL4J3jDMys>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2H9Yh5z2hAI>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IRlgx_GFwyI&t=131s

Name	Role	Characteristics
Sam Dawson	a single father who is mentally challenged at the age of 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> committed to the well being of his daughter dedicated innocent can't express his ideas well
Lucy Dawson	Daughter of Sam aged 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> caring understanding loves her dad

Rita William	Lawyer of Sam	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • fast-talking • successful • busy • lives for work • ambitious • not tough as imagined
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****Alternative answers are welcome.****