Good Will Hunting

The story is about a 20-year-old boy named Will Hunting. He is an orphan brought up in South Boston, which is not by any means the best place to live in, especially as a child. Will is a very sophisticated young man who loves to read and really appreciates all types of jobs, even the ones that are commonly considered by some people to be below their standards. That is one of the reasons why he proudly works as a janitor at Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

By being very sophisticated and smart, he can get you an answer basically for anything. However, when you ask him about something personal, he will turn the question all around just so he would not have to answer. This has certain advantages and disadvantages. One of the advantages that could be listed is being able to control what you want and what you do not want to talk about. The disadvantage here is not being able to talk about some specific things, because of his past.

His intelligence is a reason why Professor Lambeau is so interested in him. He sees his potential and does not want him to waste it by getting drunk with his “stupid” friends and having a typical teenage life as others his age, just because he sees him as someone special and gifted who does not truly appreciate his “gift” of being mathematical genius.

The emotional side, is on the other hand a reason for Dr. Maguire to get involved. Will has tried several therapists, but none of them wanted to continue on seeing him, but Dr. Maguire did. They eventually became very close, even though Will was very unfriendly and rude during the first session they had. They were very similar in many ways and maybe that is why they got on so easily.

Dr. Maguire was there to support Will's decisions and fully understood why he did not want to become “that successful” like Professor Lambeau wanted him to. Slowly, step by step, he helped him to overcome his problems with attachment and changed his defense mechanism, so now Will does not have to face as many challenges as before.

I really like this movie. Not only because I am really into 90's aesthetic but also because it was very pleasing to watch how Will managed to overcome his fears by the help of Dr. Maguire. The other thing I liked was the fact that the movie shows different views and aspects of life and how we decide what our priorities will be and by that means what our success will be.

*Good Will Hunting essay*

Good Will Hunting, 1997, directed by Gus Van Sant is a classic American must – see indie drama movie. Starring Robin Williams, Matt Damon and Ben Affleck, it was nominated for many awards, winning the Best Supporting Actor and the Best Original Screenwrite ones. The story follows young Will Hunting, a man in his twenties, who is trying to beat his everyday life. Despite his genius like intelectual, he chose to be a janitor and lives alone in a Boston appartment. Life surely has not been kind to Will – abadoned and abused as a child, he now has trouble with forming positive relationships with people and has difficulty controlling his emotions – which often results in his very impulsive decisions.

When Professor Gerald Lambeau writes a difficult math problem on the blackboard and finds out that it had not been solved by any of his students, he later finds Will working out a different one. He sees a lot of potential in him, therefore he saves him from going to jail under certain circumstances – Hunting is going to get help by seeking a therapist and is going to study mathematics. And because he sees so much in Will, he really forces him to do things he would not normally do. He arranges therapy sessions for him and tries to find him a job. Will is not really on the same wave as Lambeau.

When it comes to positive figures in Will’s life, they show up when he meets a psychotherapist Dr. Sean Maguire. When they met each other for the first time, Will analyses Sean’s personality based on a picture he has in his office and blames his problems on losing his wife. Later on he is revealed that Sean’s wife has passed away because of cancer. In return, Sean points out Will’s hidden timid personality and that he is afraid to leave his comfort zone. Despite this, they start to form a connection. By telling Will his story about how he does not regret meeting his wife even though it meant to not see an important match, he encourages Will to shoot his shot in the relationship with Skylar, a woman he started seeing. They share a difficult past – both victims of abuse, which results in a breathtaking scene where Seans reassures Will, that it is not his fault.

On the other hands Lambeau struggles so hard to perhaps project his own dreams and desires that he could not accomplish on Will. He perceives him as the new Einstein and does not really pay attention to what Will actually needs and longes for. He never really “meets” Will Hunting in terms of getting to know him on a more personal level rather than just using his abilities. Lambeau and Sean end up arguing over Will’s potential.

Nevertheless, Will always has a source of support. His old “buddies” and his new date, Skylar, who he rejects at first, he is shown the true value of friendship and love. In addition to that, by helping Will overcome his difficulties, Sean replaces the fatherly figure in Will’s life that he never got the chance to experience.

Personally speaking, I loved the film. The whole scene, the aesthetic of the late 90‘s, the problematic character of Will Hunting really spoke to me. I enjoyed the progress Sean and Will were able to make. The scene where Will breaks down and cries really showed his vulnerability and I am very glad he decided to make a decision to leave Boston and go “see about a girl”. I would recommend watching the movie, it truly was a piece of art.

For and against essay

In today’s world it is easy to find any movie you like. There is more than milion movies created, so you can choose whatever you want to see. As we all know, in the past, there was not that many options. People watched movies or TV shows, which were broadcasted just in the huge heavy television set with the smallest display you can ever imagine. Movies were creted to engage every type of watcher, but as we all know, people are different and not everyone likes the same than others do. That is why, we can find movies focussed on fun, romance, knowledge of some specific subjects - documentary, unknown things in the world like fantasy or sci-fy and lot more...

So, as I said, in the past, there were not as much options as they are now. These days, everyone wants to see new films with better graphic and so on, but I think, that some old movies are much better than these modern. The great exaple of it, is movie Good Will Hunting. You might heard about it, because it is from 1997 and I think it is pretty popular. It was nominated for nine Academy Awards and won two. The main character is Will Hunting whose acting Matt Demon and then, other actors like Robin Williams (his therapist), Stellan Skarsgard (Prog. Gerard), Minnie Driver (his girlfried) and his friends Ben Affleck (Chuckie) , Casey Affleck (Morgan) and Cole Hauser (Billy). The movie is long 126 minutes and it took place mainly at the locations in Toronto.

This American drama is about 20 year-old Will, who has gift to be perfect in math. He is actually genius. The boy is not incredibly inteligent just in the math, thanks to reading books he has perfect knowladge about everythig he was ever interest in. The problem is, he does not feel like to be future mathematician. Instead of developing his talent ad thinking about his future he likes to have fun with his friends. It means, working as a ceaner in the school and spending every night drinking in clubs. The fun ends when he is arrested for attacing man in the street. Luckily, he has a chance to not be in locked in the jail, by visiting a therapist and help profesor Gerlard show what talent is inside him. Therapist Shean, shows him it is time to know what to do in life. They become friends and Will starts to opening himself. Meanwhile he meets beautiful Skylar, who has to go study in California expecting Will will leave with her. That is not gonna happen, so they break up. After many mistakdes what he had done he realises to finally find a normal job thanks to his talent and also get back the woman he loves.

Now, I want to tell you my personal feelings and opinions about the film. At first, I watched a trailer to know if I am interested in it. After that, I knew I have to see it. In the trailer, I saw this is going to be really good movie and that is true. I liked all the actors who played their roles there and right in the start fall in love with the main character. Matt was definitely great actor for this role. Another thing I saw amazing about this film was the actual story. I think that the story shows that there are some genius in this planet who just do not need some extra education or personal teacher to be that good. It also made me think that even when we have that talent and potencial, maybe that is not what we want to do in future. But of cource, I suggest, that at the end, we will do things which we are good at and we will loving it. Also, another thing I love about this film are funny situations and the way these regular guys were talking to each other.

By saying all the good things, I should maybe criticize some things. Criticize some things I would maybe change. Well, here, it was not very easy to find something bad about it, but yeah, some things may be better, for example the length of the film. It was long basically two hours and six minutes. I know, you may think that it should be pleasure to be watching it that long when i tis that good. Well, trust me, after one and half hour, you will start to feel like it is too long. So, this is the thing I would change in the film. One more thing I was not happy about, was in the script. The way how Skylar (his girlfriend) was acting after the fight she had with Will. She was waaay too nice. He basically attact her and she was acting like nothing have ever heppened. I think that any woman would react like her, that few days later after he almost killed her, she was not upset or even mad about him. She was just normaly talking to him. Well, I am not saying she was not sad because of it but she was that nice , that in real life it would not look like that. Anyways, I still loved a film and if you like drama, little romance and fun I definitely recommend it to you.

I hope you liked my opinions and I hope this movie will be in your list must watch. Even after some critics, it is great film and you cannot expect film without any mistake or something that you do not like there, because everyone has different taste. I believe that there are people who liked, that it was long how it was and I also believe that there are people who would love to see more action there. If you are still thinking if you shoud watch it, then just do it ☺