

Visual Impairment: Daredevil (Movie)

Est. Time: 2 Hours Viewing/45 Minutes Class

Objective

Explore perceptions and media portrayals of individuals with a visual impairment.

Synopsis

Based on the Marvel comic book series, this movie features Matt Murdock, a defense attorney who maintains a dual identity as the crime-fighting superhero Daredevil, despite having a visual impairment. In the film, Murdock loses his sight as a child due to an accident involving hazardous waste, but the experience also heightens his other senses. Thanks to his unique abilities, Murdock is able to hone the martial arts and combat skills necessary for his work as a masked avenger. Thus, Murdock uses his dual identity to combat injustice by day in the courtroom and by night in New York City's Hell's Kitchen.

Activity

View the following movie and be prepared to discuss the questions below in class.

Title: *Daredevil* (2003)

Studio: Fox

For Your Information

To learn more about visual impairments, visit:

- [Visual Impairment, Including Blindness](#) (Center for Parent Information and Resources)
- [American Foundation for the Blind](#) (AFB)

Questions/Discussion Topics

1. Given that the story is based on a comic book character, is the portrayal of a person who is blind in any way believable or realistic? Why or why not?
2. Give examples of how the portrayal of blindness in this movie brings positive attention to the disability itself.
3. How do you feel about this depiction of an individual with a visual impairment?