



Visual Impairment: Daredevil (Movie)

Est. Time: 2 Hours Viewing/20-30 Minutes Class

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 his visual disability. 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. As Daredevil, Murdock attempts to bring criminals to justice through means not condoned in the courtroom.

Activity

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

Title: Daredevil (2003)

Studio: Fox

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?
2. Does the portrayal of blindness in this movie bring positive attention to the disability itself? If so, give examples.



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