

**Film Title and Release Date:** *Dosed* (2020)

**Film Length:** 84 Minutes

**Film Genre:** Documentary

**Reviewer Name and Grade:** Natalie S., 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

**Date Reviewed:** April 9, 2021

The film, “Dosed” demonstrates how Adrienne, who is on plenty of medication to stop her drug use, plans to become sober by seeing healers. The information is presented by Adrienne telling the viewer about the hardships in her life, such as her abusive father than she lived with as a young child, and how she was homeless a couple times. Then, she goes to see professionals and gets treated there, and makes a promise to herself that he will become sober. The film is successful in teaching the viewer about the topic, because we find out the other side of drugs, other than taking them. Adrienne was being dealt drugs from many dealers, she owed them tons of money. They were part of the reason she was homeless, she was in debt, and she still owes those drug dealers money. The documentarians provided a balanced perspective of both pros and cons by teaching us how drugs can completely ruin someone’s life, but things can turn up, you just need to receive the right help and healing. Adrienne had a lot of trauma during her childhood. In high school and college, she was severely suicidal. She had thought about killing herself many times before. She was also abused by her father when she was living with him, and these things didn’t help her addiction.

*How did you find the film on Kanopy (by title search, subject search, casual browsing, etc.)?*

I found this film on Kanopy by casually browsing.

*Did the plot (for fictional movie) or presentation of information (for documentary) keep you interested?*

The presentation of information kept me interested. Adrienne talked to her friend about her situation, and then went to seek help, her story was very interesting.

*Was the pace of the film too fast, too slow, or just right?*

The pace of the film was just right, I would pay attention easily without struggling to keep up, or getting distracted.

*What grade level(s) is this film appropriate for?*

The grade levels that this film is appropriate for is grades 7-9.

I would rate the film *5 stars: I’m really glad I watched this film; it was awesome!*

I rate the film, “Dosed” 5 stars because it was very interesting to see how a person with such a deadly addiction can overcome it and become healthy by just seeking help, what they’ve needed for years. I also liked how you got to see what drugs can really do to you, not mentally, but physically and financially. Lastly, the narrators taught you different statistics that you didn’t know about, which I had found fascinating.