

Film Title and Release Date: *Star Wars: Good Versus Evil* (2018)

Film Length: 33 minutes

Film Genre: Documentary/Sci-Fi

Reviewer Name and Grade: Jacob W., 8th Grade

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The film shows a professor as he discusses the morally gray areas of the Star Wars universe, such as how the Jedi weren't justified in arresting Palpatine and if the rebels were justified. The film is less a documentary and more so an extended Star Wars theory video, it's not so much to inform, but more to debate. He brings up points about how Palpatine wasn't doing anything wrong for the most part in the prequel trilogy, and how the rebels could be considered terrorists. To back up his points, he brings up examples from the prequel trilogy and *Rogue One*, for example, for the rebels possibly being terrorists, Cassian killing another informant to save himself and ensure that he doesn't reveal valuable information. He does this for the greater good, weighing into the professor's argument that the rebels aren't terrorists, and that in the long run their sacrifices are worth it. He comes to the conclusion that the rebels aren't terrorists by definition because their actions, while characteristic of real-world terrorists, didn't have the intention of harming civilians, or invoking terror in people, though if they lost against The Empire then they probably would have gone down as terrorists. Similarly, when Palpatine took control there was order and stability where there wasn't before.

How did you find the film on Kanopy?

I looked up Star Wars on Kanopy and this film came up.

Did the plot keep you interested? Was the pace of the film too fast, too slow, or just right?

This was a documentary, so there isn't really a plot, but the topics discussed were interesting. I do feel it important to note that the topics discussed I have definitely seen multiple times on Star Wars theory videos.

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

This film would be appropriate for 6th grade and up.

I would rate the film as

4 stars. The only thing holding it back from five stars is that I've heard all of these arguments many times before. The topics discussed weren't original, and the takes on those topics weren't original. Overall, I liked the film, it's Star Wars related, I like Star Wars, and the professor did bring forward some good points, even if they weren't completely original. I don't have anything against looking at a topic that has been looked at before, but taking that topic and saying almost the same thing about it as someone else before you is unoriginal. It's like if I were to take a review of this film and copy paste it into another document, then move the words around a little so it's just different enough to be considered original. Now that is an extreme example and not exactly what this professor and film did, but that's what it is on a very dialed back level, sort of improving on that argument, instead of copying and changing the words a little.