

**Film Title and Release Date:** *The Man Who Invented Christmas* (2017)

**Film Length:** 105 minutes

**Film Genre:** Drama

**Reviewer Name and Grade:** Emre G., 9<sup>th</sup> Grade

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*The Man Who Invented Christmas* is a film about a man named Charles Dickens, who was a famous author that wrote stories about children living in poverty. This film went through the difficulties and the perilous journey that Charles Dickens went through to create this story, along with the complex personalities of the characters. Charles Dickens had a very kind heart and was always smiling and making others happy by sharing his stories. Charles Dickens had a terrible history, as his family was very poor as well, and his father was sent to jail for a debt he wasn't able to pay. Charles Dickens was left all alone, without friends or family. He was forced to work in the workhouse with lots of other children just like him, without a house or any money. The other kids in the workhouse with him were cruel to him, always fighting and torturing him with nasty words and nasty attitudes. A few years later, in 1843, Charles Dickens was a well developed man, a writer, and married. His views on how the poor are mistreated were not changed, but he had gone under the influence of the characters he created and developed a new side, which was cruel and unforgiving. Charles' friends and family had to show that side of him that they were there for him and they could help him through his struggles.

*How did you find the film on Kanopy?*

I found the film on Kanopy after searching through my recommended section, after watching *The Little Prince*.

*Did the plot keep you interested?*

The plot did keep me interested, as Charles continued to create unique characters who all contributed to the story.

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

The pace of the film was just right, all points of the story were explained in full detail and balanced out throughout the film.

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

This film is appropriate for all grade levels. The moral of the story is a very important one.

*Rating:*

I would give this film 5 stars, I thoroughly enjoyed it and I would recommend watching it. The parts where Charles Dickens was writing out the story and imagining the characters and scenes coming to life were especially interesting. The way that the characters all portrayed Charles' emotions, Ebenezer Scrooge being his heavy past, was an amazing representation of who Charles Dickens was as a person. Overall, this film was an amazing film and an especially great one to watch with friends and family.