

Film Title and Release Date: *The Taming of the Shrew* (1980)

Film Length: 127 Minutes

Film Genre: Comedy/Romance

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The film is based on Shakespeare's comedy *The Taming Of The Shrew*, and it tells the same story but as a movie and not a play. The film follows multiple plotlines, the most prominent being the story of Petruchio trying to woo or "tame" Katherina, the "shrew" that is being tamed. Katherina is the oldest of two daughters, and her father has to get her married before his younger daughter, Bianca, who is the daughter that acts in the way socially acceptable at the time, can get married. Katherina is called a shrew because she's always acting up in some way, attacking her sister, yelling at people when they did nothing wrong, and other antics including verbal assault to anyone and everyone around her. Throughout the movie, she is called many things, such as that she's from Hell and things of that nature, of course not to her face because she'd probably verbally crucify them. Petruchio comes to court and marry her so that Bianca can be free to be married, and he does so for her dowry, or money that the father pays the groom for marrying his daughter. After marrying her, Petruchio somehow "tames" her by starving her, and making it that she can't sleep, essentially making everything miserable for her. While all these shenanigans are going on, there is an effort being made to woo Bianca, and there is a plan that is put in motion to get hired as her tutor and woo her in private. All in all, just go with it, the time was sexist, the people were sexist, it's just how it was.

How did you find the film on Kanopy?

I was picking out interesting films to watch with my dad.

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

The plot kept me interested because it was funny though all the different storylines confused me. I found myself getting a little bored with the movie, but it was because I could understand about half of what they were saying, not because of the pacing. I still liked the movie despite this.

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: I enjoyed the film, it was funny, but I could understand about half of what they were saying, and a quarter of that was me exerting myself to understand it. They talk in more formal and refined English, which we cavemen from the twenty first century can't really understand, combined with the subtitles that were off by at least a line the entire movie and the people talking very fast, making it even harder to understand. I imagine that if the talking was slower and the English was dumbed down for us cavemen, I would have rated it five stars.