

Film Title and Release Date: *AI: Artificial Intelligence* (2001)

Length: 146 minutes

Genre: Science Fiction

Reviewer Name and Grade: Maya L., 8th Grade

Date Reviewed: March 16, 2021

The Film *AI: Artificial Intelligence* is set in the future and about a family who's biological son is sick and in a cryogenic facility, since his outlook doesn't look good, The father named Henry tried to help his wife Monica get over their biological son: Martin, so he adopts the first robotic child that is capable of loving someone. This robot's name is David. At first Monica is horrified by David because no one can replace a child. Even with that in mind she grows fond of this robot. She then fully activates him and he no longer just thinks of her as Monica, he thinks of her as 'Mommy'. Which is why when Martin miraculously recovers and is able to come home. Trouble begins to stir, He tells her to cut a strand of Monica's hair, he wakes her up in the process revealing him holding scissors above her which was perceived as him trying to hurt her which made Henry worried for their safety. The breaking point though was Martin was celebrating his birthday with friends over and the friends tested out his pain response mechanism which caused him to find safety, by clinging onto Martin causing him to fall in, he couldn't break away. So Henry had to save him. This was his final straw; he confronted Monica that she had to return him, even though that meant he would be destroyed since he was unable to function well without her. She tells him they are going on a trip alone and then takes him to a forest where he was abandoned because Monica truly loved him, and couldn't stand him being destroyed. He wanders the forest and meets a robot named Joe. David asks him to take him to the Blue Fairy(like the one from pinocchio) so that he can become human and Monica will take him back. They venture to Manhattan which is now under water. David finds a man who says he is already basically human because he can love. Joe is then taken away for being involved in a murder previously. He then find a fairy sculpture underwater and then something collapses and he is trapped for 2000 years till aliens come and then they use the hair to resurrect Monica for a day and David can live like a human, this final day they did a lot together and then when she went to sleep and died then he too slept for the first time in his life.

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

I found the film on Kanopy while browsing for science fiction movies. I chose AI because I like robot movies.

Did the plot keep you interested?

Yes the plot was very engaging, I really liked how they showed how different people felt towards robots for instance there was a place where they tortured robots, because since the earth was dying because the humans ruined in, the robots would be the last remains and those people didn't like that. However they didn't demolish David because he acted like a real boy.

Was the pace too fast, too slow or just right?

The pace of the film was just right, it went quick enough to the point where I wouldn't get bored and not too slow as to hinder comprehension.

What grade(s) is the film appropriate for?

This film is appropriate for people in grades 7 and up due to some of the scenes being intense.

Rating: 5 stars: I'm really glad I watched this film. It was awesome!

I really enjoyed this film, I liked the story and also how beautiful the shots in the movie were, even the simple ones like a running water tap. The hues used in the scenes were also amazing. I also really liked the characters and how they interacted with each other in a very realistic way.

Reviewer Name and Grade: Oliver G., 8th Grade

Date Reviewed: March 28, 2021

The film A.I. takes place in the 22nd century where global warming has wiped out half the human population. Complex robots have been created that are capable of thinking, but lack emotion. In Madison, New Jersey, David and Monica Swinton's child, Martin, contracts a rare disease and is placed in suspended animation. David and Monica are given a robotic child named David who is capable of feeling love. At first, Monica is uneasy about David, but she comes to love him eventually. Suddenly, Martin is cured and he returns home. Martin becomes jealous of David, so he often provokes him and attempts to get him in trouble. The incident that got David kicked out of the house was when his self-protection programming activated and he pulled Martin into a pool, almost drowning him. David goes out in search of the Blue Fairy, hoping that she will make him human, so Monica will love him again. On his journey to find the Blue Fairy, David is caught by a Flesh Fair, a place where robots are destroyed in front of a crowd. The audience pities David because of human-like nature, so they revolt, allowing David to escape alongside Joe, another robot. Joe and David travel to Manhattan, seeking the Blue Fairy. Atop the sunken ruins of Manhattan, David meets professor Hobby, the person that created him. He discovers that there are other robots that look exactly like David. After losing his sense of individuality, David attempts suicide, but is rescued by Joe, who is immediately arrested after. David takes a submarine and locates the Blue Fairy, which is actually a statue from Coney Island. Then, a large structure falls on David's submarine, trapping him. Two thousand years later, David is discovered by evolved robots that are able to resurrect Monica for a day. The two spend a whole day together, and as they fall asleep in the evening, Monica says she has always loved David, which was all David wanted in the end.

How did you find the film on Kanopy?

I was just searching for an interesting science fiction movie.

Did the plot keep you interested?

I thought the plot was decent. It was a little too complex in some parts.

Was the pace too fast, too slow or just right?

The pace of the film was too slow. Some scenes that could have been interesting were underwhelming.

What grades is this film appropriate for?

This film is appropriate for grades five and up.

Rating:

Rating: 3 stars: It was okay; I had hoped for better.

A.I. is an OK film in my opinion. I felt bored many times while watching it. One of the only interesting scenes was the Flesh Fair scene, where robots were getting destroyed with a jeering crowd in front of them. I feel that the plot was underdeveloped and lacking excitement.

Reviewer Name and Grade: Hanxi Jia, 9th Grade

Date reviewed: May 30, 2021

This movie happened in the future, when glaciers have melted, and cities like New York have been submerged in the water. A family, whose dad works at a robot company, has a biological kid who is in a hospital because of some serious illness, and adopts a robot boy, David, who is made to love. The family starts to get to know David and they love each other. David and the mom, Monica. He finds a toy for himself, a robot supertoy bear named teddy. After a while, the family's biological son is back from the hospital. His name is Martin. He does not like David very much and treats him like a toy. After a couple of incidents of David harming Martin and Monica, for example cutting Monica's hair off, or almost drowning Martin, Monica drives David to the lab where he was built, for him to be destroyed. However, Monica doesn't have the heart to get David destroyed, so she leaves him in the woods. He gets captured by a group of people that destroy robots for human entertainment. David then meets Joe, a sex robot that becomes friends with David. Joe was framed for

murdering the girl he was with. When they are about to be destroyed, David starts to cry and the crowd goes against the destruction of David and Joe. David wants to look for the blue fairy, someone from a fairy tale that can make David into a real human, so Monica can love him. David and Joe fly over to Manhattan in a stolen helicopter, a wasteland of destroyed buildings to find a building with many other David's being produced. David jumped into the water and found the blue fairy, and stayed in front of the fairy, praying for 2000 years in the underwater helicopter with teddy until aliens discovered them. Teddy still had a sample of Monica's DNA, so the aliens were able to recreate Monica and bring her to life for 1 day. At the end of the happiest day of David's life, both David and Monica fall into a sleep.

How did you find the movie on Kanopy?

I went to the science fiction section

Did the plot keep you interested?

Yes

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

The pace of the film was fine.

What grade level is film appropriate for?

7th grade

I would rate this film 5 stars because the plot was very interesting and there were some scary parts and the story line would keep me wanting to watch more of the film. The parts like where David walks into a factory producing many of his own kind was interesting because the whole time he thought he was unique, the only model of the David.