

**Film Title and Release Date:** *Mr. Hublot* (2014)

**Length of Film in Minutes:** 11 Minutes

**Film Genre:** Comedy/Animation

**Reviewer Name and Grade:** Rachel R., 10<sup>th</sup> Grade

**Date Reviewed:** August 21, 2021

Mr. Hublot is a mechanical man with OCD (obsessive-compulsive disorder). He often gets caught in loops of flicking the lights on and off, reorganizing bookshelves, and adjusting picture frames until they are just right. Looking over his balcony, Mr. Hublot notices a young puppy across the street. Mr. Hublot does not approach the puppy but watches him often. The puppy barks at passing people, shivers in the rain, and finds a small cardboard box to lie in.

One day, Mr. Hublot notices a large dumpster truck passing by. The machine is crushing the garbage it is collecting. A small cardboard box is next on the conveyor belt. Mr. Hublot rushes to the door but is once again stopped by his light-flicking obsession. Mr. Hublot knows that he needs to race out the door; he can not, and is stuck flicking the lights before exiting his home. Luckily, the puppy was not in the box at the time it was collected. Realizing how much this young dog means to him, Mr. Hublot takes him in.

The young pup and Mr. Hublot are unlikely companions; the pup is messy and Mr. Hublot has OCD. When the living arrangement seems to the audience to be at the brink of collapse, an unexpected turn of events reveals that the two characters have truly rescued each other.

*Did the plot keep you interested?*

Yes! The plot was engaging and each moment was necessary. Like in the motion picture *WALL-E*, the audience finds it easy to fall in love with mechanical characters.

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

The pace of the film was just right. It is remarkable that such a beautiful story can be told in such a short length of time.

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

This film is appropriate for all grade levels. Although the content is appropriate for all, *Mr. Hublot* is a silent film, so some younger viewers may become disengaged.

*5 stars: This short film was a beautiful story that I am so glad I watched.*

This film took me on an emotional rollercoaster of feeling heartbroken, hopeful, and holding my breath. Sitting with my dog, I found myself holding her just a bit closer as this meaningful journey unraveled.