

Film Title and Release Date: *Modern Times* (1936)

Length of Film in Minutes: 87 minutes

Film Genre: Family/Comedy

Reviewer's Name and Grade: Nitya M., 7th grade

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This movie is a Charlie Chaplin Movie. This Movie was plotted during the Great Depression time in America where people were jobless, and economy was low.

Charlie Chaplin is a factory worker where he was tired with the routine and repetitive work. Due to his mischievous behavior, he did damage to the factory and because of this, the owner sent Charlie to the Mental Hospital. After releasing from the Mental Hospital, he was caught by the Police thinking he is a communist leader. In fact, he was just trying to pick and send back a red flag falling off a back of a truck.

During Custody, he helped a police officer grab one drug leader which creates a good impression of him. The Police leader released him with a letter which helps him get a new job, but Charlie wants to stay in jail as he doesn't want to go outside.

Upon release, he met an orphan girl, Ellen who stole a loaf of bread. He takes the stealing blame on himself thinking that he can again go to jail and save the orphan girl. But witnesses ruin his idea. A Police officer caught Ellen and freed Charlie. Later he did not pay his restaurant bill so, a police officer cuffed him. Again, he met Ellen in a police van and they both fled from the police officer as Charlie wants to stay with Ellen and make their own home. He later became a night watchman in a departmental store but, there he was also caught by police due to sleeping on a clothing desk and not calling the Police when thieves broke into the store.

He was released after a week where Ellen welcomed him and informed him that she got a café dancer job. Ellen also helps Charlie to get a Job in same café as waiter and singer. But this time the Police officers were behind of Ellen due to her earlier escape. Both managed to escape from the police this time as well.

At the end, they both were hoping for new modern times where everyone can get a job and economy goes up so they can live peacefully.

How did I find this film on Kanopy? I went on Canopy and went under the comedy genre and then I saw this movie. I heard about Charlie Chaplin so, I thought to watch this Movie.

Did the plot keep me interested? This plot is not that much interesting as I expected. May be due to the old movie, very old plot, and no speaking.

Was the pace of the film too fast, too slow or just right? The pace of this film is very slow.

What grade level(s) is this film appropriate for? This movie is appropriate to watch with Family and suitable for all grades.

What do I rate this movie? I rate this movie a 3 out of 5 stars because the plot is too old. The Initial part of this movie is humorous, but the later part is too long without humor.