

**Film Title and Release Date:** *The Hating Game* (2021)

**Length of Film in Minutes:** 103 minutes

**Film Genre:** Comedy, Romance

**Reviewer Name and Grade:** Jememah K., 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

**Date Reviewed:** March 9, 2022

**SUMMARY:**

Lucy Hutton is an executive assistant at her publishing company who works with Josh Templeman, a coworker she began a rivalry with. Their bosses created a new position, managing director, and Lucy and Josh make a bet that if one of them gets the job, the other has to quit. Josh confronts Lucy about their feelings for each other and they kiss in the elevator. She then goes out with graphic designer Danny. During an employee paintball game, Lucy starts throwing up, so Josh brings her home. Lucy starts to feel unsure about her feelings, but determines to be friends with Danny. Lucy proposes that she and Josh start a relationship but he turns her down initially, due to them both being up for the new job. Lucy goes with Josh to his brother's wedding, where they start dating. Josh promises that they will stay together regardless of who gets the job. However, at work Lucy overhears Josh's boss say Josh has been lying to Lucy to get the job. Lucy argues with Josh about this, then goes to the interview for the new position. Lucy is promoted to managing director after Josh reveals he quit and got another job. They continue dating and learn to separate work life from personal life.

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

I found the film on Kanopy by looking for comedies to watch, and the title caught my eye.

*Did the plot (for fictional movie) or presentation of information (for documentary) keep you interested?*

I was interested in the characters and what they would do in the end, so I kept watching.

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

I feel that the pace of the film was too fast, because they didn't give enough time for the characters to develop a relationship.

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

This film is appropriate for grade levels 8 - 12.

**RATING:** 4 stars

I thought the movie was very good, plotwise. I liked the relationship between Lucy and Josh, and was happy with the conclusion. However, I feel that if this was a longer movie, with a more complex plotline, and without the cliché romantic lines, it would have been much better.