

**Film Title and Release Date: *Leap!* (2016)**  
**Length of Film in Minutes: 89 minutes**  
**Genre: Comedy**

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

**Date Reviewed: March 12, 2022**

The story starts in an orphanage in Brittany with two friends, Felcia and Victor, who both have dreams. Felicia wants to become a ballerina and Victor wants to be an engineer. They both decide to run away overnight by catching a train to get to Paris. Felicia finds another person who used to want to become a ballerina, and she teaches her everything to become one because Felicia wasn't that good at it when she arrived at the building where they taught ballet. Victor ran into someone who was good in engineering, and decided to help him become an engineer. Felicia finds another girl who practices ballet in the building and is very good at it, but she bullies Felicia a lot, and they both fight over who is a better dancer. Felicia also has recurring dreams of her mother who was also a ballerina, and it is kind of like a nightmare because she keeps waking up, scared of it. At the end, Felicia makes a huge leap against a dance fight against the girl who bullies her, and Felicia learns to be courageous and leaps at the end and she wins. She says the reason she wants to dance is because her mother also used to when she was little, but she was not there for her anymore, so she decided to keep following that path.

*How did you find the movie on Kanopy?*

I found the film on Kanopy by just browsing.

*Did the plot keep you interested?*

It kept me interested.

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

The pace was just right.

*What grade level is film appropriate for?*

I think this is appropriate for sixth grade and above.

*Rating:*

I rate this movie five stars because the ending taught me a good lesson that being courageous is very important because you will never get through anything if you don't face it, just like how Felicia fought her fear of leaping, even though she liked to dance.

**Reviewer Name and Grade: Kallie M., 8<sup>th</sup> Grade**

**Date reviewed: March 27, 2022**

Felicie is a young girl who lives at an orphanage with her best friend Victor. Victor and Felicie want to escape from the orphanage and see the world. Felicie wants to become a ballerina while Victor wants to use his sharp mind to invent new things. Together they go to Paris, but soon become separated. Victor goes to work as an office boy in Gustave Eiffel's worksop while Felicie finds her way to the Paris Opera. There, a guard catches her trespassing but she is rescued by a mysterious cleaner, Odette. Odette agrees to let Felicie stay with her until Felicie can afford

a place of her own. Felicie helps Odette clean to earn her stay. But she still had a dream of being a dancer, in desperation Felicie stole another girl's invitation to attend the dance school. Odette, helps train Felicie since she was once a dancer herself. As Felicie continues her lessons she finds that dancing takes much more than just talent but a lot of hard work. When it is discovered that Felicie is not who she says she is, she is kicked out of the dance academy. But she makes a return and ends up getting the part of Clara in the nutcracker! To get the part she must go up against the girl of whom she stole her identity from, the girl who is at first rude and mean to Felicie surrenders the part after seeing how much passion Felicie has for dance. Felicie and Victor reunite and Victor is the one who inspires Felicie to keep following her dreams and to never give up.

*“How did you find this film on Kanopy?”*

I found this film on Kanopy while browsing in the Family Movies section.

*“Did the plot keep you interested?”*

Yes, the plot kept me interested the whole time by having many twists and turns.

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

I would say the pace of the film was just right. The film had just the right amount of suspense and slow burn without it getting boring.

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

This film is appropriate for all grade levels especially for younger kids so that they can learn that hard work does pay off.

I would give this film a rating of five stars! I think that it is a great example to younger kids that you should always follow your dreams and that hard work will always pay off!

**Reviewer Name and Grade: Ashley L., 9<sup>th</sup> Grade**

**Date Reviewed: April 7, 2022**

Félicie, a destitute orphan girl with aspirations to be a ballerina but has no formal training, runs away from her orphanage in rural Brittany with her best friend Victor, a young inventor, in the 1880s. They travel to beautiful Paris together, but they soon part ways, and Victor works as an office boy in Gustave Eiffel's factory. Félicie makes her way to the Paris Opera, where she is apprehended by the guard. Odette, a mystery cleaner with a limp, saves her and agrees to let Félicie remain with her until she can walk again. Odette works for both the Opera and Régine Le Haut, a wealthy restaurant owner who is harsh and bossy. Félicie notices Regine's daughter, Camille, practicing ballet while helping Odette clean. When Camille meets Félicie, she taunts her and breaks her prized music box by throwing it out the window. Félicie intercepts the postman delivering a letter from the Opera admitting Camille to the famed school of the Paris Opera Ballet; enraged, she hides the letter and decides to assume Camille's identity in order to get into the school and pursue her ambition while also getting back at Camille.

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

I found the film on Kanopy by casual browsing.

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

The plot did keep me interested.

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

The pace of the film was just right.

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

This film is appropriate for all grade levels.

Rating:

*4 stars: I enjoyed this film and found it worthwhile to watch.*

I enjoyed this film. This film was very nice and the plot was very good. The animation is also very good and detailed. The details of the animation were also very eye-catching and intricate.