

Film Title and Release Date: *Legally Blonde* (2001)
Film Length in Minutes: 96 minutes
Film Genre: Comedy/Romance

Reviewer Name and Grade: Ellie K. 10th grade

Date reviewed: March 24, 2022

Legally Blonde starring Reese Witherspoon as Elle Woods follows the story of a college student who risks it all to become a lawyer. Elle Woods has it all. The perfect boyfriend, president of sorority, several friends, and an incredible social college experience. Her world turns upside down when her boyfriend dumps her because he believes she is not good or smart enough to be married to him. Her boyfriend, Warner, flies off to Harvard law school. She decides to follow who she believes to be the love of her life to prove him wrong and convince him to marry her. She dedicates her time to getting into Harvard Law school and successfully does. To her surprise her boyfriend is engaged when she arrives at Harvard but she continues to study to be a lawyer despite everyone thinking of her as a dumb blonde. Elle and her professors realize she has quite the talent for law and even receives an internship. She later realizes in the middle of court that her professor was romantically interested in her which resulted in her deciding to quit. However, the guidance of her friend Emmett caused her to stay and prove herself to everyone by solving a difficult case in court. Warner now wants her back but she declines and starts dating Emmett. Elle Woods becomes a lawyer and graduates with high honors from Harvard in the end proving everyone that she is more than just a dumb blonde.

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

I found Legally Blonde from casually browsing on the site.

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

Yes, very! The plot was eventful and exciting. It definitely kept me interested in what was going to happen next.

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

The pace of the film was just right and did not leave me bored or confused.

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

Middle school and up.

Rating:

4.5 stars: Great movie!

I thought Legally Blonde was funny, entertaining, and a great movie to watch. The only negative comment I have is that some parts were predictable. However, for the majority the storyline was inventive and interesting to watch. It was a great early 2000s teen movie. The movie kept moving which was nice for the viewer. I definitely recommend this movie!

Reviewer Name and Grade: Claire C. 9th Grade

Date Reviewed: March 20, 2022

“Legally Blonde” is a fictional comedy where the main protagonist, Elle Woods, decides

to go to Harvard and study law despite not having any past experience in the field in an effort to win back her ex-boyfriend, Warner Huntington III. Surprisingly, she does eventually develop a great passion and talent for law and even loses interest in Warner all together. She ends up graduating from Harvard, getting a well paying job as a lawyer in Boston, and dating the second love interest introduced in the story, Emmett Richmond. The main setting of the movie is Harvard University in Cambridge, Massachusetts. The main characters in this movie are Elle Woods, the main character, Warner Huntington III, her ex-boyfriend, Emmett Richmond, her new boyfriend, Paulette Bonafonte, Elle's new best friend, and Bruiser, Elle's dog.

How did you find the film on Kanopy?

I was able to find the film on Kanopy through casual browsing.

Did the plot of the film keep you interested?

Yes, the plot of the film was able to keep me interested with its satirical comedy.

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

The pacing of the film was mostly great except for the end which I thought was a little rushed.

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

This film is appropriate for anyone in 8th grade and older.

Rating:

Overall, *I would rate this film 4 stars*. I thought the concept was quite clever and funny. I also thought that some of the jokes were great. The acting also helped with the comedic aspect of the film because of the strategic timing they used to deliver their lines. Another thing that I thought contributed to the humor was the costume and set design in every scene. It was also much better than I expected to be since many "satirical comedies" can often be quite boring and unfunny. The only thing I would say about this film is that I thought the last few scenes felt a bit rushed and almost as if the producers were trying to wrap everything up quickly in order to keep the film from getting too long. While the ending was perfectly fine, I think it could've been better and more effective if they had taken their time. Overall though, I thought it was a good movie.