



Actors

Film Study Sheet

To get the most out of this worksheet, we strongly recommend you read through all the questions before sitting down to watch. Don't try to answer questions fully as you're watching the film, instead only taking notes on the dedicated "Notes" page whenever you're able to without detracting or distracting from the film you're watching. When the film is over, take 5 minutes to let it sit with you, if needed, then immediately return to answer these questions while the film is fresh in your mind.

Answer each question thoroughly and seriously. The more thought you put into this, the more you'll get out of it.

For a more focused and narrowed study choose your favorite character in the film you are watching and answer based on this character.

1. Identify the film or show you are studying. Title? Release date? Director?

2. What actor/actress is portraying your chosen character? Why do you think they were chosen to play this role?

3. **Within the first 10 minutes of the film/show:** What are the "Given Circumstances" for your chosen character? Given circumstances are information given to the audience directly in the script (Ex: age, family, job, impediments, etc...)

4. What scene (featuring your chosen character) stood out the most for you? Why? Do you feel it was well-acted? Why? If not where do you think there was a disconnect between actor, story, and audience?

5. In the scene from the previous question: can you identify what your chosen character wants? What is their goal in this scene? _____

6. In the scene from the previous question: How does your character attain (or not attain) what they want? What tactics do they use? Why do you think this is?

7. Did you (as an audience member) feel connected to your chosen character? Why? Why not? _____

8. Did the performances of the entire cast feel grounded in the reality of the story? Why/why not?

9. What were some strong/not so strong choices the actor/actress portraying your chosen character made? Why do you think they made those artistic choices? What would you do differently?

10. Did your chosen character have a scene with intense emotion? Do you feel this moment of intense emotion was earned? (Meaning it made sense/felt right for the moment rather than indulgent.) Why/Why not?

11. Were there any moments between your chosen character and another character that stood out to you? Why do you think their performances had an impact on you? (i.e. the actors/actresses were very clearly connected in the moment.)

12. Can you identify any moments in the film/show where your chosen character deliberately withheld information? How did the actor/actress portray this? Why do you think they did it this way?

13. What did you learn from the actor/actress's performance of your chosen character? Did you discover something new about the craft of acting? How will you implement this into your own craft?
