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The Road Within Review

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Chapter 2 Assignment (The Road Within)

The road within is a movie about a young man (vincent) who get’s sent to a mental health institution because of his tourettes syndrome. He eventually escapes the institution with his OCD roommate and an anorexic woman he met at the clinic. The escape lead to a road trip to bring Vincent’s mother’s ashes to the ocean.

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Protagonist: The protagonist that stands out to me in the film is Marie. She is the one that really challenges both vincent and alex to just live a little and not worry about the small things. She also works very well in contrast to the other characters as she is the only one whose disability doesn’t effect her ability to interact with others.

Conflict: The main conflict in this film is that Vincent wants to get to the ocean to release his mothers ashes. However, they do not really repeatedly mention it throughout the film. The small conflicts along the way are what ultimately make this movie. The fact that three people with serious disabilities had to complete a goal together was one of them. Another would be Vincent’s father hunting him down after hearing his son escaped from the institution, only to be fooled and left in the dust

Genre: I would categorize this film as an adventure drama. However i couldn’t tell if it was also trying to be a comedy. Some of the things Vincent said throughout the film were so jarring that I could swear there needed to be some planned humor behind this.

Theme: The theme of this film is that you should never let a disability define you. It was clear that the result of the road trip ultimately let all three of the main characters put their problems behind them.

Are the Characters Relatable: I think that the point of this film was to give us characters with problems that are not relatable.

What can I take away from this film to help me write my story: I like the fact that they want to have the end result being at the ocean. Thats an idea I have for my film as well. Theres something about that final scene of a movie looking out on the ocean in peace and harmony. Theres something about it that just brings a film full circle and i definitely plan on incorporation that aspect.