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Chapter 7 – Mastering Your Genre – Quiz

1. What is successful about Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind?

Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind became quite successful because Charlie Kaufman, the story/screenwriter, did such a great job mixing in the different genres of sci-fi-memory-thriller-and romantic comedy. He did an excellent job focusing on all these different genres and mending them together to create such intrigue and emotion throughout the movie. There has not been a movie like Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind that was able to connect so well with the audience. Kaufman did a great job embedding such emotion and complexity into his writing for this film.

1. Name three famous remakes that are not thought of as remakes.

One famous remake that is not thought of as a remake would be The Magnificent Seven. This film took traits from the original Akira Kurosawa’s Seven Samurai and brought out its best elements into the American West.

Another famous remake would be A Fistful of Dollars. This film was also a similar version to one of Akira Kurosawa’s films, Yojimbo.

One other famous remake would be Scarface. Not many people know that this film was a remake from its original that was created in the 1930’s dealing with gang violence.

1. What is the key to good genre mashing?

The key to good genre mashing is placing characters through many different obstacles to overcome. Most stories must have a conflict to resolve.