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Vegas Vacation Movie Review

Vegas Vacation is one of my all-time favorite films which features the Griswold family on their trip to Las Vegas. Hapless dad Clark Griswold (Chevy Chase) immediately starts losing money at blackjack, while his wife, Ellen (Beverly D'Angelo), develops a crush on lounge performer Wayne Newton (Wayne Newton). Elsewhere, young Rusty (Ethan Embry) is enthusiastically playing dice, and his sister, Audrey (Marisol Nichols), winds up in seedy nightclubs. Can the family reunite and stay out of trouble?

Protagonist: The protagonist in this movie is definitely Clark. He is the father of the family and the ringleader of the entire crew. Everybody in the family has their own misadventures but they are all sub-paths of Clarks hilarious misfortune and struggles to keep his family together throughout the trip.

Conflict: The conflict is that Clark took his family on a family vacation, however nobody in the family is doing any spending time together. Audrey who is clarks daughter links up with her cousin vickie whose lifestyle is quite scandelous, while rusty proceeds to get a fake ID and win a bunch of cars while illegally gambling. Clark wife Elen also falls in love with Wayne Newton. Clarks goal is to win his family back.

Genre: I would describe the genre of this movie as family comedy.

Are the Characters Relatable: Absolutely, even though what happens to the characters in not really relatable. The characters themselves are. Audrey plays the role of the rebellious daughter, rusty plays the role of the curious and sex driver young male, ell en is the wife who just wishes her husband will stop being a clown and throwing away the family money, and Clark is the typical goofy father that everybody can relate to.

What can I take away from this movie to help me write my own: I like this movie because it shows the pandemonium and spontaneity of being on the road/being on vacation. I like the fact that clark brings his wife and two underage kids to vegas. A place where minors are notoriously not allowed to drink or gamble. It is similar to me bringing two men on a cross country road trip, which is what I plan to be doing in my film.