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MOVIES YOU MUST WATCH. LIKE NOW.

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After trying to keep up on newer movies and more current releases, sometimes it's just nice to take a break and watch some oldies AKA movies from about ten years ago.

The Royal Tenenbaums (2001)



Dysfunctional families are probably the most interesting thing to watch (that's why bad reality shows are so popular). They're caustic, and we like seeing them but are too afraid to take part in their drama. One of the best dysfunctional families audiences so enjoy seeing crash and burn are the Tenenbaums.

"The Royal Tenenbaums" is a highlight of director Wes Anderson's career. Anderson manages to use to sly bits of comedy appropriately in a dramatic story, making it light but still dark, funny yet still sad. Every character, from the chain-smoking Margot [Gwenyth Paltrow], to the lovably odd Richie [Luke Wilson] (HE OWNS A FALCON AND PLAYS TENNIS!!!!) is, no matter how unusual, completely relatable and irresistibly adorable.

The Truman Show (1998)

I feel like everybody always has those "what ifs" in which we ask "What if your whole life was being filmed?" and "What if your life was a movie?" It's asked because, well, it's a creepy thing, and it is such an intriguing concept.

Unfortunately, for Truman [Jim Carrey], his life is being filmed. 24/7. His entire life. Even when he's sleeping cameras (weird). I mean, his entire TOWN is a set. Everyone he knows is an actor. He tries to escape, but the producers won't let him go. And this whole mess is being filmed live.

Through his secret plan to escape Truman meets a girl who tries to save him (and gets kicked off the show). He even learns more about his father who, on the show, "died", but later reappeared on set by accident.

The whole concept of "The Truman Show" is creepy enough to make one interested. It's a slightly disturbing but definitely entertaining tale of discovery, and it's plot is gripping during the entirety of the film.



STUDENT PICK



HIGH FIDELITY (2000)

"John Cusack owns a record store and his friends work there. They always make obscure top ten lists of songs. When his girlfriend leaves him, he decides to make a top ten list of girlfriends.

I really like that the movie is filmed in classic noir with a narrator. It's really snarky and dark, which are my all-time favorite qualities.

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TEACHER PICK



DELICATESSEN (1991)

"'Delicatessen' is about an alternate near future where meat is in shortage. The main story centers around this apartment building in France. This butcher leases out apartments and has a deal with his tenants where the newest tenant gets butchered. He leases it out to a clown and the butcher's daughter falls in love with him. He ends up selling the meat to the other tenants.

It's in French - a surrealist black comedy.

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