**Judelka,**

**Movie - The Intern**

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**Review and critique the movie you watched. Write a very brief summary of the movie (in your own words) and rate it on a scale of 1-5 (5 being the best).**

I rate the movie at a 4 because of the unanswered questions at the end.

**1.   Do you feel the aging adult(s) accurately depict the aging process and the experience of the aging adult?**

a.       To answer this question, I would say that it depends.  How can you really depict the aging process? Everyone, especially men and women experience it differently.  Different nationalities experience aging differently.  Robert Deniro's character Ben, plays a retired and widowed 70-year-old executive that needs something to do with his time, as retirement has gotten boring for him.  He has traveled as much as he could, but when he returns home he is still alone.  He sees a flyer for a senior intern at an online company and applies with a video and gets selected and placed with the owner of the company Jules, played by Anne Hathaway.  But she feels that he might be better off in a slower paced area and tells him that she will might not have anything to give him to do.

**2.   Did the movie depict aging in a positive or negative way (explain)?**

a.       There were certain instances in the movie where the younger people seemed to stereotype Ben, because of his age, but his character took it in stride.  For example: saying that he couldn't hear well and trying to place him in an area where there was a slower pace. But mostly I felt that he was a role model for the younger men in the office.  They looked up to him and were starting to emulate him. It was good to see.

**3.   Does the movie end on a high or low note (explain)?**

a.       I enjoyed the movie and thought that it ended on a mixed note for Ben, mostly because he was getting very involved in Jules, the boss’s personal life.  The ending of the movie left me with questions regarding the role that Jules will be playing with her company as she was being forced to think about hiring a CEO and with her marriage as she found out that her husband was cheating.  At the end of the movie, Jules is looking for Ben to tell him what decision she made and was finally able to locate him at the park doing Tai Chi and that scene was probably meant to show that Jules needed to slow down and Ben needed to keep enjoying his retirement, but I am not really sure.

**4.   Link the movie back to at least 5 concepts and/or theories from the book, web sites, videos, and articles.**

a. I feel that the movies touched upon these concepts:

Chapter 3 – healthy lifestyles and successful aging:

Longer lifespan - Ben was 70 years old and was traveling and doing TaiChi and was looking for ways to keep busy

Aging well - For a 70 year old person Ben had aged well, he had all of his cognitive abilities and well as a fully functioning body

Chapter 6 – Families, Generations and Communities:

Parenting - I thought this was touched upon because Ben became life a father figure to most of the characters in the movie

Grand parenting - this one was touched upon when Ben took Paige, Jules' daughter to a birthday party at a park

Living Arrangements across adulthood - Ben was living alone after his wife died and then suddenly had a roommate as one of the other interns was kicked out of his parents' house

Chapter 7 – Education, Careers, and retirement:

Education across adulthood & Jobs and Careers - the movie showed that Ben was well educated and at the time of his retirement was the CEO of a phone book company.

Volunteer Work and Community Involvement – Ben was conscience of trying to stay busy and looked for the internship.

Retirement – Ben was retired in the movie and I feel that he was handling it well

Chapter 9 – Complex Cognition:

Intelligence – I felt that Ben was portrayed as an intelligence person because he wouldn’t have been the CEO of a company if he wasn’t

Creativity and Everyday Problem solving - when Ben wasn’t getting assignments from the boss, he started helping out the other employees in the company.

Moral Reasoning – In the movie Ben is faced with a Moral decision when he finds out that Jules husband is cheating on her.  He decided not to say anything at first but when he realizes that she know he tells her about the situation.

Chapter 12 – Coping and Support in Late Adulthood:

Coping Strategies and Aging – In the movie Ben is widowed as well as retired and in the beginning of the movie he states that he has used up all of the miles that he had accrued to travel the world, but he was still alone when he returned from his travels.  I felt that he was lonely but not in a depressed way. In order to cope, he found something to do with his time and he met knew people that helped him cope.

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