

Wonder Woman: Feminist Success or Failure?

While reading the *Scarlet Letter*, we have analyzed the depiction of men and women – their relationship with one another, society’s perception of them, and their agency. Through this analysis we recognized the strengths and weaknesses of Hawthorne’s depiction of women.

But, novels are not the only or even the most powerful media in shaping our perceptions of gender dynamics. So, today, you will watch the new *Wonder Woman* film, analyzing how the director depicted men and women.

Directions: Take notes on each of the following topics – make sure that you make clear claims and provide specific evidence and analysis for each claim. Each topic is general, so you have to find specific subcategories and directions to take your analysis. The topics are meant as a guide, but you will have to create a clear path for your analysis and identify new topics for a thorough, accurate film analysis.

1. Relationship with other characters
2. Treatment by other characters
3. Response to sexism in society
4. Method of defeating villain, solving problem
5. “No Man’s Land” scene
6. Structure and tropes present in the story