

## **Defend watching a movie instead of reading a book**

**In the busy world we live in today, most people would rather watch a movie than read a book because :**

### **1. Books Are Too Long**

With the busy, complicated life and full schedules of many adults and teens these days, books can take weeks, months, or even years to read. However, the time that takes to watch the movie is limited. A movie generally plays for a minimum of an hour and a half to about three hours at the most. You can sit down to watch a movie in one shot, and even produce something or work while you watch. With the added bonus of leaving room for multitasking, movies take much less time and dedication than books.

### **2. Books Are Less Visually Appealing and fantastic**

Movies are simply more visually appealing. They have special effects that blow our mind, and action sequences that our imagination really cannot do justice.

Much of our imagination is limited to the confines of reality, visually appealing movies can go beyond that on their quest to bring the fantasy to life.

Even music and sound effects can make a difference in watching a movie. After all, playing suspenseful music when someone is walking down a corridor can put the audience on the edge of their seats more acutely than can reading about descriptions of the eerie corridor.

### **3. Reading Books Is Not Social**

Reading a book is a private and individual act.

It's true that you can read aloud to your kids, but most people want to read curled up on the couch in front of a fireplace.

However, movies are social acts. You may not be able to talk in theaters, but most people still choose to see movies with other people. Rather than reading a book on your own and discussing it with a friend later, most people choose to see a movie with their friends and discuss it as the credits roll.

# 3 Pros of Reading Books Instead of Watching Movies

## 1. Books leave Room for the Imagination

In the end, the way that you interpret a book is entirely up to you. However, movies tell you what to think. They use visual and sound effects to make you see and feel a certain way.

## 2. Books are Portable

You can read a book anywhere you go. You don't need a power source to charge your book, and you don't need a television screen on which to watch it. Books are easy to travel with, and are always an endless source of entertainment.

## 3. Books Allow Readers to Better understand the Characters

Internal dialogue is an integral part of reading a book. With all this knowledge inherently embedded into the story, understanding the actions and motivations of the main characters is never a problem. Yet, some of that knowledge can be lost in a movie. Many people are distracted by beautiful actors and fantastic special effects, and so they lose sight of the plot and character development that is truly at the heart of the story. However, there are no such distractions in books, allowing for the readers to feel as if they know the characters on a personal level.

On the one hand, **by reading a book** we can expand our list of vocabularies and exercise our brains/minds. A book is more descriptive, since there is no real character/person playing there. The author of the book needs to explain everything about the characters and the situations available in the story. In this way, by reading the book we have to rely more on our imaginations.

However, **by watching a movie**, our imaginations will be limited to the creativity of the director. For example, when we encounter a sentence, such as, " the tired sun lost its shine", it depends on us to imagine the sun as having eyes and eyebrows, yawning, and closing her/his eyes. Furthermore, reading a book can improve our writing skills. For example, reading English books helped me to improve my language skill.

On the other hand, we can watch a movie and come to a conclusion within a short period of time. This is good for those people who are impatient and are so curious to know the end of a story. Nowadays, people are too busy to pick up a book and read it. It takes them so much amount of time to complete it. This can be illustrated when we pick up reading a book which spends more than thirty pages describing an empty bungalow near the beach. However, by watching a movie we will not get bored.