



What's Your

Love Story?



INSTRUCTIONS

Each of these movies features intimate relationships as a major plot focus. Watch one movie a week together then discuss the 11 movie discussion questions as a couple for about 45 minutes.

Movies used in the study

A Star Is Born	Husbands and Wives	Red Firecracker, Green Firecracker
Adam's Rib	Indecent Proposal	She's Having a Baby
Anna Karenina	Jungle Fever	Steel Magnolias
As Good As It Gets	Love Jones	Terms of Endearment
Barefoot in the Park	Love Story	The Devil's Advocate
Children of a Lesser God	Made for Each Other	The Egg and I
Days of Wine and Roses	Mississippi Masala	The Male Animal
Desk Set	Move Over, Darling	The Out of Towners
Dying Young	Mr. Blandings Builds His Dreamhouse	The Thin Man
Fools Rush In	My Favorite Wife	The Way We Were
Forget Paris	Nina Takes a Lover	Untamed Heart
French Twist	Nine Months	When a Man Loves a Woman
Funny Girl	On Golden Pond	Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf
Gone with the Wind	Pat and Mike	With Six You Get Eggroll
Guess Who's Coming to Dinner	Penny Serenade	Yours, Mine and Ours
Hanover Street	Pfft!	

Additional movies to try

American Beauty	Julie & Julia	The Bounty Hunter
Anger Management	Jumping the Broom	The Breakup
Autumn in New York	Just Married	The Campaign
Bee Season	Life as We Know It	The Door in the Floor
Before Sunset	Longtime Companion	The Good Girl
Blue Valentine	Love and Other Drugs	The Horse Whisperer
Coal Miner's Daughter	Marley and Me	The Marriage Chronicles
Couples Retreat	Meet the Fockers	The Mirror Has Two Faces
Crooklyn	Monster-in-Law	The Money Pit
Date Night	Mr. & Mrs. Smith	The Notebook
Deliver Us from Eva	Obsessed	The Story of Us
Devil Wears Prada	Something's Gotta Give	Think Like a Man
Family Man	Surviving Christmas	True Lies
Father of the Bride	Sweet Home Alabama	Unfaithful
Fool's Gold	Sweet November	Waiting to Exhale
Four Christmases	The Five-Year Engagement	Wanderlust
Her	The Backup Plan	Why Did I Get Married?
Hope Springs	The Big Wedding	You, Me and Dupree
It's Complicated		



Movie Discussion Questions

DIRECTIONS: Please use the following questions to discuss the relationships portrayed in the movie. Once you've discussed a specific question, write your joint answer in the space provided.

What movie did you watch? _____

1. What was the main relationship portrayed in the movie? This is the relationship that you will focus on in the following questions.

2. What main problem(s) did this couple face? Are any of these similar to the problems that the two of you have faced or might face as a couple?

3. Did this couple strive to understand each other? Did they tend to accept one another, even if they were very different? Or did the couple tend to attack each others' differences?

In what way was this relationship similar to or different from your own relationship in this area?

4. Did the couple have a strong friendship with each other? Were they able to support each other through bad moods, stressful days, and hard times? Did they listen to each other like good friends? Did the couple in the movie do considerate or affectionate things for each other?

In what way was this relationship similar to or different from your own relationship in this area?

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5. How did the couple handle arguments or differences of opinion? Were they able to open up and tell each other how they really felt, or did they tend to just snap at each other with anger? Did they try using humor to keep things from getting nasty? Did it feel like they were really trying to understand each other?

In what way was this relationship similar to or different from your own relationship in this area?

6. If the couple got into arguments, did they tend to become heated? Did the couple ever start attacking each other, getting increasingly mean and hostile? Did they end up saying things they didn't really mean? Once this started happening, how did the arguments tend to end?

In what way was this relationship similar to or different from your own relationship in this area?

7. When one of the partners brought up a problem, did he or she seem to do it in a constructive way (keeping things specific, explaining his or her feelings without attacking), or did it seem more like an attack? Did it seem like bringing up a problem became an assassination of the partner's character?

In what way was this relationship similar to or different from your own relationship in this area?

8. How did the couple in the movie handle hurt feelings? Did they apologize to each other? Did the apologies seem sincere? Did they tend to jump to negative conclusions when their feelings got hurt, or did they tend to give each other the benefit of the doubt?

In what way was this relationship similar to or different from your own relationship in this area?

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9. Did the partners seem to have similar expectations of their relationship? Where did their expectations differ? Did it seem like they were aware of their own expectations? Were their expectations reasonable? Did they share their expectations with each other?

In what way was this relationship similar to or different from your own relationship in this area?

10. What other things happened in the movie that might lead you to think differently about your relationship/marriage?

11. What other comments do you have about this movie?

How relevant was this movie to your own relationship?

Not at all

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Somewhat

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Very Much

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How entertaining was this movie?

Not at all

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Somewhat

☐ ☐ ☐

Very Much

☐ ☐

How would you rate this movie's overall quality?

Very Poor

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Average

☐ ☐ ☐

Excellent

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