

OVERVIEW

Mandy is a quiet girl who gets teased a lot for being so pure. Landon is a cool kid who doesn't care about much in life. As a form of punishment, the principal forces Landon to take a part in the school play. He gets to know Mandy and falls for her. Unfortunately, Mandy has a secret that will test their relationship. This is a wonderful movie that allows students to take a fresh look at peer pressure, teasing, love, and loyalty.

NOTE TO TEACHERS

This is another great movie to watch from beginning to end. I had difficulty cutting any scenes at the end because it is all so valuable.

MORAL OF THE STORY

Love has a way of transforming us into better, stronger people, if we allow it to. The whole is greater than the sum of the parts.

SELECTED SCENES

Scenes 4-6 (10:58 – 22:57)	12 minutes
Scenes 11-12 (36:28 – 42:44)	6 minutes
Scenes 16 - end (53:04 – 1:38:00)	<u>45 minutes</u>
Total	63 minutes

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1) One underlying theme of this movie is peer pressure. Landon found the courage to break away from his old buddies who were being so cruel. How did he do this? Why can't more people find this courage?
- 2) In so many ways, Mandy became Landon's role model. In what ways did her faith and courage change him?
- 3) After Landon's initially cruel behavior, Landon had to prove his love for Mandy. What did he do to prove he was worthy of her love? Would you be willing to go to similar lengths to prove your love to someone?
- 4) If you found out that you had a terminal disease, would you create a list? What would be the top three things on your list?
- 5) Do you think that these two teenagers were old enough to really understand what love is and to truly commit to each other? Remember, the number one predictor of divorce is getting married before age 21.
- 6) There is a particular passage that was mentioned in the movie (scene 25 & 27) about love. Write down this passage and see if the students agree with it. Is there something they disagree with and/or would change? Could they write their own passage about what love means to them.