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Topic: Tobey Maguire is a better Cinematic Spider-Man than Andrew Garfield and Tom Holland.

General Purpose: To persuade all my Marvel movie watchers

Specific Purpose: To persuade others about why I think Tobey is the best Spider-man

Organization Pattern:

Introduction

1. Who all has watched the Spider-man movies with Tobey Maguire? The ones with Andrew Garfield? And Tom Holland? Although all three of them play essentially the same character in Peter Parker, these great actors have their own little spin on their individual roles. (Hook)
2. In my speech, I will go through each of the three Spider-men and point out why Tobey Maguire is the superior Spider-man. I will check the costume/style, the role as Peter Parker, and the villains faced. (Thesis)
3. As each of the movies came to theaters, I went on release day and saw the movies at the time they came out. Ever since the first movie back in 2002, my dad had me with him and we went to watch the great film. (Credibility)
4. On December 17, the newest movie in Marvel’s “Phase 4” series will display not just Tom Holland’s Spider-Man but Tobey’s and Andrew’s versions will also make an appearance. This will be the biggest Spider-man movie to date. (Relevancy)
5. Before I begin, I want to reiterate that Tobey Maguire is the best Spider-man not only because of the role as Peter Parker, but his Costume and villains that he faced. (Preview)

Body Paragraph

1. The Spider-man suit has to give a certain level of bravado and style. In each of their respective verses, these Spider-men all have some great aspects to their suits that make fans love the look and appearance of them for years.
2. In the Trilogy, we get to witness the Spider-man suit that would be seen on Halloween and on posters for years to come. Tobey started off in a makeshift costume first to keep his secret identity hidden as he proceeded to test out his new powers in a cage wresting match. The official suit was then shown after Peter began drawing and experimenting with designs. This Spider-man suit is an all-time classic that is still one of the best suits made in the early 2000’s.
3. In the Amazing Spider-man, Andrew Garfield has a great suit that we get to see after his very own makeshift suit. Andrew had the best homemade suit with the beanie and shades compared to the field. Andrew’s official suit in his first movie was a style we had yet to see on screen. The colors and design were all astounding to look at. Andrew’s Spider-man might be the most underrated for his suit and his camera angles as well. Tobey’s original suit still holds the cake for best suit but Garfield is a close second.
4. Tom Holland’s Spider-man suit is a very cool suit with its design and trim. The AI in his suit helps him in situations that may need a certain solution. Where I get off on his suit is the fact that his suit in so much more tech-like than the others. Tony Stark gifted Tom’s Spiderman the suit which is okay for his films. Looking at who Spider-man is and how he would normally go about handling crime, you seeing that Tom’s Spider-man is more like Iron-man than anything else. Andrew made his own web shooters from scratch and Tobey has artificial webs coming from his wrist.

Transition: Now that I have just finished comparing and contrasting the suits that each of the Spider-man actors showed off in their respective movies, I will go to the next category which is the actor’s role as Peter Parker.

1. A superhero isn’t just the character that comes to save the day when someone is in need. They have an identity to protect which should be more important to them and the ones that the hero loves and cares about. These Spider-man can save lives and defeat enemies, but can they portray the characteristics of Peter Parker.
2. Throughout the trilogy of movies, we see Tobey progress and grow into his role not just as Spider-man, but Peter Parker as well. Tobey’s version of Aunt May and Uncle Ben were THE most memorable characters in all Spider-man movies. With the additional characters like Mary Jane, Harry Osborn, and J. Jonah Jameson also helped build the world that Tobey’s Peter was living in. The storylines that take us deep into those relationships and give us what we need to understand where Tobey’s thoughts and action arose.
3. Andrew’s Peter Parker is more interesting to say the least. The shear mystery surrounding his backstory does him no favors as it seems to stem from what Peter’s father was up to. Outside of his origin, Andrew has a different portrayal of what Peter Parker is as a character than the other two. The nerdy high school student who goes to skateboard at what seems like his own skate ramp. This version of Peter has the lovely connection to Stacy Gwen rather than Mary J. Harry Osborn and his family issues are still in play as Harry and Peter are still longtime friends. Tobey’s role as Peter Parker had more people help him become the true Peter Parker and you don’t get the same feeling from Andrew.
4. Tom’s Peter Parker is already a fan favorite due to the environment and situation he was debuted in. We get out first look at this version on Peter in the Avengers Civil War Movie where Tony Stark goes to Peter’s home to semi-recruit him to be an avenger, while also flirting with Tom’s version of Aunt May. This Peter Parker is also a high schooler who goes on many field trips and it just so happens that villainous activity skyrockets. Until the next movie comes out, Tobey’s villains beat out Tom’s villains as well. Tom has a good rising as Peter but Tobey has a better origin story and more memorable characters.

Transition: I have now discussed the familiarity of the Peter Parker roles and how the characters around them help bring together that image. Now I will speak on the villains that each of the Spider-men have had their hands full with.

1. The villains that a hero fights more times than not are a reflection of the hero themselves. In these movies, they hit almost every spot correctly when it comes to the villains role in helping Peter grow.
2. The villains that Tobey’s Spider-man faced are as infamous as they were deadly. Green Goblin was the first to take the screen with our web-slinger and posed a huge threat to Queens, New York. In the second movie, we get all eight appendages of Doc Ock and his epic fight on skyscrapers over the use of his Fusion Reactor. The third movie introduced Uncle Ben’s killer who turned out to be Sandman and probably Spider-mans most rivaled opponent, Venom.
3. Andrew’s problems might have started with his father but that subject is very clouded. We know that the villain from the first movie, Dr. Connors AKA The Lizard, worked closely with Norman Osborn and Peter’s father. The second film brings a whole handful of villains like Rhino at the start while alluding to the fights with Electro and Green Goblin who both have a stake in the OsCorp company. Tobey’s villains had more of a devasting impact on his city that Andrew’s villains did.
4. Spider-Man Homecoming gifted us with a villain that fans have been waiting to get screentime in Vulture. Peter gets close with his daughter and becomes obvious he knows who or what Peter is. The Far From Home movie also gave a villain that a lot of people, myself included, some love. Mysterio played the fake role model with Peter to take his (Tony’s) tech and increase his range of deception. Until the next movie comes out, Tobey’s villains beat out Tom’s villains as well.

Conclusion

1. I would like to conclude my speech restating all my points. (Signal)
2. I went through the costumes/suits, the roles as Peter Parker, and the villains that each Spider-man faced to show that Tobey Maguire’s Spider-man is the better of the three. (Re-state Thesis)
3. I spoke on the different characters that made the storylines of each Spider-man movie wrap around Peter Parker as he takes on what being a hero means. (Review)
4. I hope that from this speech you are enlightened on how Tobey Maguire stands at the forefront of Spider-men, Andrew is the most aesthetically pleasing to watch, and how Tom Holland is a good Spider-man standing on the shoulders of the Marvel’s cinematic universe. (Memorable Message)

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