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Final Reflection - *Community*

A 'new TV ' series screened in this course that really stands out to me was *Community*, season 1, episode 1. In this series, episode 1, the main plot of what happened in the episode is as follows: A man (the main character) goes back to school to community college to study to earn a lawyers degree since the degree that he got was no longer valid as he worked as a lawyer. There he knows the principal and tries to cheat by asking for the test papers. He also sees a girl that he is interested in romantically, so he invites her to study with him, and she brings along her friend that he also knows, and it becomes a study group involving the students. There they have fights about studying due to personal differences, but then with the help of the main character's inspiration, they all overcome their differences and begin to study for the upcoming test. He begins to truly study with his new friends and girl that he likes, when knowing that he cannot get the test answers to all the tests. After setbacks and feeling down, they have encouragement and rise up to study. It relates to the series as a whole because it sparks the beginning of their inspiration and dedication to study, and get their degree to graduate and the whole point of coming to community college is that they can do it. They bring the energy to study with a bang as they start off the series. It is an introduction to the story as it describes what the main character is doing in the tv show, which is coming to get a lawyers degree so that he can get a job and earn money. That is the purpose of his schooling. It sets up the story that he is enrolling in community college, and that is the reason for why people go to community college, like adults such as himself. It also describes the friends and social life that he makes in the story, as he is a student there, and studies with other groups. He also admires a girl so he studies with her, and using his

social skills he is able to direct a study group. It shows his character traits as a character of how he is a leadership example, and how he can inspire others, and they all have the encouragement and belief that they can get through community college at the beginning of the series. This is like in college life when people go through their frosh week, or begin their study life. They are feeling very motivated, and begin to start their studies. It describes community college as an undesirable place to be because it is usually for failing students who did not do well in regular school to attend. However, the main character is here because his law degree did not present as valid anymore, so it tells the audience the reason why he is there, and what he is doing there, as the rest of the series will be about his community college life, and how he gets through it with the help of his friends and his character traits.

What is interesting about the aspects in relation to their plot and character is that when they are fighting and after the main character uses his techniques and skills to get them to stop fighting and inspire them to study, it shows how they are starting to form a bond as characters. How they become friends, and start supporting each other in their journey. It also shows the inspiration of how they begin to start studying in the series and that they can do it and graduate for the test. This series is different from other series I've screened because of the jokes and writing of the television show. It has a lot of unique and different punch lines, and ways that the characters' dialogue affect the plot and movement of the show. It is very different from other shows I've seen in terms of its language that it uses and how the characters speak to one another. It has unique dialogue to bring out the messages in the story. For instance, one of the themes is inspiration for studying and determination for studying, and they do this through encouragement of words such as believing in oneself, and more that was unlike anything I've ever seen. The character and plot development of the story is also different as I never watched any community college related television shows, and especially where there are study groups who aim to study together despite their differences. I also never watched a series with a man as a main lead where he comes back to school to study. The events in the series explain the social and cultural meaning of the

show as it explains what it means to be in community college and studying there. It is talking about school life, and social life there as well as studying life. I feel that I could relate to this as a student because I have studied on campus before, and made friends but also being able to study for tests and go to the library. The story really showcases community college and school life for students. Having a will to study, and what's it like studying and being on campus life, while knowing that there are girls that he likes. The time period of the show is the 21st century and it reflects the campus life and society of the current trends of how students behave in the 21st century. It is a time period where there is not much technology, because it is the early 2000's so it is like not a lot of people are using technology much, but there are still phones so texting to communicate with people. It teaches a lot about how school was back in the days and how there was not a lot of technology used for studying compared to nowadays like the laptop and phones are used for a lot of things.

What I have learned in this series is the inspiration of studying and going through to do something such as getting your degree regarding school life. It takes a lot of stamina and courage to go through all the tests required, thinking that they have to do it when coming to school. That is why, they encourage other students to believe in themselves that they can do it to achieve their dreams. I also learned more about school, and the social life to it nowadays as there are a lot of other things in school besides academics such as social life and making friends. As well, studying can be challenging but overcoming this through perseverance and stamina is good. This can be applied to my studies in the future when I am studying to ensure that I believe in what I am doing, and have an attitude that I can do it just like the characters in the story. I can also use it for inspiration as the characters can do it, so I can do it too. Also, knowing that community college is a much tougher situation to be in, as people think that it is for dropouts, or people who failed their school life and have to use an alternative route, however I think the series really shows that people can study and make it through hard times. I chose this particular television show because it was very interesting to see how the characters were inspired by the love of learning and going through the way of

school in community college. I can relate to going to school and the social life of school as well as the academic side, so it was very interesting to see how that all came together to be a story of inspiration for the viewers. I also enjoyed watching school life, and the social things that happen in stories that take place in school, because it is very everyday-life and relatable. It talks a lot about new television because the show is a new television example of a series, and it takes place in this time where television is booming. It describes the story of a new television series and how the characters are going through social life, as well as the technological developments like using the phone. As the television is being screened, it describes the social life of new television of the new trends and the generation of how people are acting in a new television series. It prepares me for a similar genre and style of television of how it is scripted and what the plot is like from new television shows as they are all new television taking place in this time period. I would pay particular attention to the social side of the television show to describe how the characters are going through this development and how it represents a new television series tv show. Overall, I really enjoyed watching the show, and learning from it, paying attention to the themes, and plot line with the characters, as well as dialogue. It can inspire audience members with school, helping me to believe in my dreams too.