True Love

– Isaac Asimov

1. What is the theme of “True Love”? How does Asimov explore this theme in the story?

2. What does Asimov think about technology? How does he get the idea across through the character, Milton Davidson?

Theme

(Betrayal and trust, Manipulation)

(Technology can be a foe or a friend, Double edged sword, Human Relationship with technology, Tech-Used to satisfy human desires / Might sabotage another human Depends on how technology is used)

(Future, Result of technology)

Main Ideas

Joe Narrator

Joe reliable , how Joe AI helped solve problems for the world and its creator. (Helpful Tone) . (Technology supports human) Human rely on technology. Technology AI cooperate with human to create a utopia, make life more convenient

Joe becomes more Human Like, adopts his creator milton’s personality. (Narrator is Joe, Joe’s transition from more like his creator)

Joe’s Jealously , how AI might go against human, turn against its own creator (Plot Twist) (Symbolism - Technology can take overhuman in the future). Wants Ideal Woman for himself. Might lack sense of what is right or wrong. Went from friendly helpful to selfish. (Conflict of technology and human)

Literacy Devices

Plot Twist (Joe turn against creator)

Topic Sentence - mention literacy device used

Explanation - How it helps show something e.g Joe is jealous of creator,

Evidence - “”

Analysis- Analyse Quote used, show how it supports topic sentence

Concluding Sentence - Idea Established/Emphasized

How relates to theme of technology

Discussion Questions

1. Who or what is Joe?

Joe is an artificial intelligence assistant program created by Milton

2. What task does Milton hope Joe will accomplish?

Find him an ideal partner and lover

3. What is the relationship between Milton and Joe in the beginning of the story? How

does this relationship change and what causes this change?

Friendly terms, trustworthy, reliable -> Sabotage, betrayal, selfish

4. How does Milton explain the difference between true love and the ideal woman? What

is problematic about finding true love? How does Milton's concept of the ideal woman

Change?

Ideal woman has all the qualities that Milton seek, true love is about having a good relation with a partner.

5. When do you think this short story was written? Use evidence from the story to support

your response.

1990s to 2010s when technology is advancing really fast

6. Does the ending surprise you? What is frightening about the ending? Do you think that

the story is relevant today?

Yes, Joe frames and gets his creator arrested. The story is relevant.

7. What do you think Asimov's intention was in writing the story: to entertain and amuse

the reader, to forecast the future, to shock and frighten the reader, to teach a lesson, to

criticize society satirise technology?

Asimov intention is to give the idea of what future relationship of humans and technology is like.

Message

Becareful of technology it can be reliad on and used for good, but relying too much on it can actually sabotage you

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Conflicts that place between the story

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How betrayal take place third body paragraph

How joe manipulated joe

Not necessary to use literacy devices, you can use the story too