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QUALITY OF CHILDREN'S MOVIES

Since the beginning of animation, movie producers have used animated movies to entertain children and adults alike. But lately it seems like that is all that's offered to children. Studios spend lots of money making movies for adults, but little money is spent on making real movies for children—real movies with real people.

When children read a book, they are taken to another place. A book helps the reader experience new things in life through the eyes of a character. Lessons are learned, and children gain from these experiences. These same things can happen with real movies. But what can be learned from an animated movie with a make-believe character or animal? How can children relate to the make-believe setting? Most of these movies have little to offer except for a few laughs.

It seems another goal of these movies is to make money. Pajamas, toys, food, games, and a variety of other items are sold with the pictures of characters on them.

Bring back movies with substance. Bring back the characters with values. Provide children with entertainment that inspires and enlightens. There are more than enough animated movies to last a lifetime. Let's create movies that inspire for a lifetime.

STORY QUESTIONS

1. What is the author's opinion of animated movies?
 - a. Animated movies are shallow and do not inspire.
 - b. Animated movies are funny and entertaining.
 - c. Animated movies are an inexpensive way to make a movie.
 - d. Animated movies are amazing creations.
2. Which statement in the passage portrays the author's opinion?
 - a. Pajamas, toys, food, and games are sold with characters from animated movies.
 - b. Animated movies take place in a make-believe setting.
 - c. Studios spend a lot of money making movies for adults.
 - d. Animated movies have little to offer except for a few laughs.
3. What does the statement "Let's create movies that will inspire for a lifetime" mean?
 - a. The author wants movies to be shown for a lifetime.
 - b. Movies with value and substance can have an impact that lasts for a lifetime.
 - c. Movies should be re-run for many years to come.
 - d. Movies should be shown to each generation.