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Title	What's Wrong with this Picture? The Majestic
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Brief Description	Individual or small group movie watching and critiquing assignment. Students watch the movie to look for accuracies and inaccuracies in memory and amnesia portrayal
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Additional Information	Knowledge needed is a background on the behavioral symptoms of neurological amnesia.

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Movie: **The Majestic**

The story: See the link to the official movie site.

Links: The official movie site

<http://majesticmovie.warnerbros.com/>

www.neuropsychyfi.com



Your Assignment:

You'll watch a popular movie on the topic of amnesia and answer questions pertaining to the movie's portrayal of the character's memory problems.

Level of difficulty: Medium. You'll need to have an understanding of various types of amnesia and of how memory works.

1) Watch the movie The Majestic.

Answer the following questions.

1. How does the main character, Peter Appleton, get amnesia? Describe what happens in the scene. Give an example or examples and either give scene numbers and titles (if watching by DVD) or time code.

2. Describe the movie's portrayal of the character's memory problems.

Describe at least 3 specific examples and either give scene numbers and titles (if watching by DVD) or time code.

3. Describe the movie's portrayal of the character's memory strengths or abilities.

Describe at least 3 specific examples and either give scene numbers and titles (if watching by DVD) or time code.

4. Watch the following scene: **Lighthouse** scene (timecode 50:25 scene 13 on DVD) Luke's "girlfriend" Adele challenges him and says. "You remember movies but don't remember your life...it's unbelievable". Is Peter/Luke's recall unbelievable given the way memory operates? What's right or wrong with this portrayal of memory?

5. What do the movie characters believe about the manner in which amnesia may recover?
Give an example or examples and either give scene numbers and titles (if watching by DVD) or time code.

6. To what extent does the main character recover from his amnesia (e.g. not at all, partially, fully)? Describe this and give an example or examples and either give scene numbers and titles (if watching by DVD) or time code.

7. Does the movie name a specific type of amnesia? If so, what do they call it?

8. How would you diagnose this amnesia? Explain how you came to your diagnosis.

9. What's right or wrong with this movie's portrayal of amnesia? Give a short critique of how amnesia is portrayed in this movie in relation to how memory functions in the brain.