**Flight - Synopsis**

This short film, directed by Nicholas Verso, is about a young man, Jonah, who dreams of ‘flying’ away from his housing commission environment in urban Melbourne. He feels trapped and closed in, as shown by the huge and overbearing buildings that are bleak and monotonous.

After an encounter with some boys at the local skate park, Jonah begins to find his ‘wings’ – but they come in an unexpected way.

The film is shot with **distinctive visuals** of the modern landscape, including drab, high-rise commission housing buildings and the concrete-jungle beneath them. The **director aims to teach** his audiences about the power of the individual and the challenges and hardships people face in their environments.

Below are some quotes about the short clip:

* “So good in every way. Great sound mix. Great camera work. Great editing. Great acting. Very Donnie Darko with the masks. Loved it… I might have to give it to Flight as it touches on great human depths and emotions.”
* “…a strangely haunting story about hope in poverty, featuring a skateboarder who isn’t part of the local skateboarding crowd, and who privately attempts to fly. There was literally half a word of dialogue. I thought it was beautifully acted and filmed, saturated with hope against a crummy backdrop, and the mix of skateboarding with naive hope and grace was an excellent choice.”
* “…something about the tone and the feel of this one really made it one of my favourites. No dialogue yet such an arresting main character. Like a really cool graphic novel that you can’t explain why you like.”
* “Poetry becomes better when it has a psychological basis, your ‘Flight ‘ is the proof of it. Superb.”
* “*Absolutely wonderful in every way. This film really got me for so many reasons. Apart from the fact it’s shot superbly and features some magnificent sound design and music, the sentiment behind all that is fantastic. We’ve all at times felt intimidated to try something we know we’re good at in front of an audience, just in case we get it wrong and our confidence is shattered in the process. But sometimes you just have to take a leap of faith in life, in any situation. The feeling of accomplishment when we do is like nothing else, and even if it does go wrong, to garner the respect of your peers for displaying the courage to have a go is just as good a feeling.”*
* “amazing actors, amazing filming, amazing job! It’s things like these that inspire you to do more.”

**Quick Quiz:**

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**What it aims to teach us: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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