



## Lola's 4.6 Film Review Script (Optional)

Ben Stiller stars and directs *The Secret Life of Walter Mitty*, a comedy that will inspire you to live life to the fullest. After Academy Award and Golden Globe nominated film *Tropic Thunder*, Stiller delivers a film with everything from awesome scenery to fun action scenes.

Wow! This paragraph is only two sentences, but it is FULL of great detail.

Basically, *The Secret Life of Walter Mitty* is about a powerless little man who breaks away from his boring life, embarks on a journey to find a photographer and a missing negative, but also manages to find himself along the way. The conflict begins when Sean O'Connell, a respected photographer, announces he wants his photograph, "negative 25," to appear on the last cover of *LIFE* magazine. Sean calls this photograph his "most grand" and "The Quintessence of Life." The only problem is this: negative 25 is missing. Kristen Wiig plays Cheryl Melhoff, Walter's love interest in the film. She encourages him to go to Greenland to find Sean, and hopefully to find negative 25. Two-time Academy Award winner for Best Actor, Sean Penn perfectly plays the role of Sean O'Connell, the adventurous photographer. ●

This paragraph feels like it needs a closing sentence of some kind.

Ben Stiller, the director, creates some pretty spectacular moments in the film that show how Walter changes. Using extreme long shots in the beginning, Walter disappears in the city where he lives and works. Using extreme long shots in Iceland and the Himalayas, we see Walter heroically facing the unknown. If you're into skateboarding, you'll love the scene where Walter races down a highway on a skateboard with rocks tied to his palms for stability. This is an epic moment for Walter, who reconnects to his past love of skateboarding and remembers the future he had seen for himself when he was young.

Your topic sentence focuses your discussion well.

I like how you describe the effect of the cinematic techniques. Really engaging!



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The soundtrack for the film matches the action and the characters perfectly. The main song in the film is David Bowie's "Space Oddity." Ted, Walter's antagonist who is played by Adam Scott, calls Walter "Major Tom" to bully and insult him in front of everyone. Later Cheryl sings the same song to Walter to motivate him to act (another cool moment in the film). There are other great tunes in the film, but this one in particular connects to the characters, the plot, and the theme of the film.

I like how you focus on the most important examples and discuss them in detail. Thoughtful choices, Lola.

This movie isn't perfect, and there are some scenes that are pretty silly. Walter Mitty's character fantasizes to cope with reality, so the silly scenes actually have a purpose. In the end, Stiller wants the audience to have a laugh and feel inspired to be the heroes of their own lives. He delivers with *The Secret Life of Walter Mitty*.

Good connection to the director's overall purpose with the film