

***Good Will Hunting* (1997) Film Analysis (25 pts)**

DIRECTIONS: After you have completed watching the film, answer the following questions in complete sentences with details.

1. Did you enjoy the film, and why or why not? Was it what you expected?
2. How does Will's character represent certain characteristics of toxic masculinity (the need to exert dominance, control, and an inclination toward violence), loss of innocence, and self-blame? What does it take for him to overcome these negative characteristics?
3. Choose one character that especially impacted you and discuss how that character's experience in the film impacted you. Be specific by describing that character's experiences, motivations, dialogue, or the actor/actress's performance as that character.
4. This film, like many others, uses a lot of dialogue scenes – which can become boring for an audience if it is not done well. Describe specifically how the director, Gus Van Sant, or the actors made these dialogue scenes engaging.

