



The Way He Looks

Film Study Guide

Director: Daniel Ribeiro

2014 | Fiction | 95 Minutes | Brazil | Portuguese | Unrated

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Synopsis: **The Way He Looks** details the trials and tribulations of growing up for three teenagers as they struggle to navigate the awkwardness of adolescence. Leonardo and Giovanna have been best friends since they were very young. Now, in the midst of their teen years, they are both confronted with the challenges of budding sexuality, the struggle for independence, and defining themselves as adults. When they befriend the new kid in school, Gabriel, their seemingly static world is turned upside down as they question their relationships with one another. If being a teenager isn't hard enough, their situation is further complicated by Leonardo's blindness

Post-Screening Discussion Questions

1. Which character do you most identify with in the film, Leonardo, Giovanna, or Gabriel? Why?
2. When Leonardo first tells Giovanna that he is in love with Gabriel, why do you think she reacts the way she does?

3. The title of the film, *The Way He Looks*, could reference not only how Leonardo, and perhaps other characters look at the world, but also how they look to other people. What do you take the title to mean, and why?
4. How does the arrival of Gabriel influence a change in perspective for Giovanna and Leonardo?
5. How do the challenges that the three main characters in the film face represent the challenges that all teenagers face when growing up?
6. Leonardo's blindness is less emphasized as a challenge in the film. Similarly, it seems very easy for him to realize and come out that he is gay. His biggest challenge seems to be his desire for independence from his parents. How does Leonardo's journey throughout the film help him to realize his own independence?
7. How does his relationship with Giovanna, and his relationship with Gabriel change, and how does this affect his own development?