**“10 Things I Hate About You”**

**Directed by Gil Junger**

**Released**: 1999

**Genre**: Comedy / Romance

**Setting**: The fictional Padua High School, USA, “present day”

**Plot**: Based on Shakespeare’s “The Taming of the Shrew”. Bianca wants to date Joey, but her father won’t let her unless her older sister Kat dates too, so Patrick is persuaded to go out with Kat. The characters learn the truth about those around them during the course of the film, and learn some things about themselves as well.

**Characters**:

Patrick Verona (Heath Ledger), scary and dangerous, new to the school

Kat Stratford (Julia Stiles), a rebellious tomboy who refuses to date

Bianca Stratford (Larisa Oleynik), Kat’s sister, beautiful and innocent, has a crush on Joey

Cameron James (Joseph Gordon-Levitt), shy, nice, new to the school, has a crush on Bianca

Joey Donner (Andrew Keegan), part-time model, popular and self-obsessed

Michael (David Krumholtz), the geeky yet well-meaning boy who befriends Cameron

Chastity (Gabrielle Union), Bianca’s friend

Mandella (Susan May Pratt), Kat’s friend

**Themes**:

Appearance and Reality

Prejudice

Relationships

Honesty

Love

Changes