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Grey's Anatomy

The popular television show Grey's Anatomy isn't just about doctors, it's about everyday life. As the show progresses it shows all of the issues the doctors and nurses have to put up with such as going long hours with no sleep, working overtime when it's their day off, being there both mentally and physically, and being able to stomach the different surgeries they watch. It shows the daily life struggles that being an intern at a hospital will be like and not only that, it shows the tough decisions in relationships and how easily other people can lie. A major concern in this television show is the value of life and whether or not a person is worth taking time to save.

Grey's Anatomy would be aimed toward a younger generation, perhaps even students going into the medical field, and especially women. The show isn't just about the procedures being done at the hospital, it shows romance, relationships, love and hate, friendships, and the one thing most people love drama! The first episode shows the main character, Meredith, sleeping with her attendant, Derek, although she hasn't realized this yet. This would by far be one of the main hooks of the first episode, everybody wonders if the couple is going to make it to the end or if they're going to get in trouble by their big boss when they find out. It's all a matter of curiosity is all it really comes down to. Grey's Anatomy portrays to young women because of the sex, romance, relationships, and not to mention the cute guys on the show. Although if the viewer were trying to learn about the medical field, this wouldn't be the show to watch. Yes it shows surgeries and has anatomical terms but it doesn't teach how to determine the different prognosis or how to view x-rays. This show is more of a drama reality television show than a teaching method. It does though portray the reality of being an intern, having to stay up for hours upon hours, going on an empty stomach, and even working overtime when they should be home sleeping.

Besides all of the sex, drama, and relationships this show provides a good example of the daily stress doctors have to put up with. It wouldn't be easy being the person to determine whether or not a person should live, it shows the value of life in a humans eyes. Some cases are harder than others but sometimes after doing everything in their power people still don't make it. The first few would definitely be the hardest, just watching someone die couldn't be very easy for anybody but it happens daily in the medical field and it's hard not to blame whoever is taking care of the patient. Every patient the doctor or intern is assigned to holds that patient’s life in their hands and one wrong mistake could be the end of it.

Grey's Anatomy doesn't only show the value of life in the hospital but also out of it as well. The main character, Meredith, also has to deal with outside stress otherwise known as her mother. As the show progresses it starts showing Meredith's mother, Alice Grey, who was a well-known surgeon among the hospital Meredith works at has Alzheimer’s and barely even remembers her own daughter. The people she works with frequently asks about her mother and Meredith has to lie about it because she promised her mother she wouldn't tell anyone. Later her mother ends up coming to the hospital because she can't be calmed down and all of Meredith’s coworkers finds out about the secret she has been trying so hard to keep.

There is a wide range of everything on this show both ethnicity and gender and there isn't just a certain stereotype. It has jocks, nerds, workaholics, the guy in the "friend zone", and the boss. Everybody on this show, shows feelings towards one another whether it's a brother-sister type of love or they actually have a major crush on one another there is some type of relationships going on with everyone. Although they show love to one another they also have feelings towards the patients. They get more attached to others, especially if they see them in there frequently, but even the characters that doesn't seem like they would have feelings do.

A tough decision that the doctors have to decide is whether or not the person is worth all of the long hours and dedication that they put towards their jobs. They spend all this time at the hospital but they could just as easily give up and decide that it’s not worth it. What keeps them going and deciding that they want to spend all day and night taking care of some jerk in the other room, we may never know.

Grey's Anatomy does have its ups and downs in being realistic although to people who are not surgeons or in the medical field they do a good job portraying how the surgeries would actually be. They have some unrealistic characteristics though it would seem highly unlikely the interns would be going to a bar right after their shift, most people would be crawling back home to get some sleep after thirty six to forty eight hours of work in one shift. According to Steve Marsi from tvfanatic "Realistic or not, perhaps what makes the show so popular is neither the medicine nor the sexual tension, but the pure human emotion. That's what makes every episode so captivating. The inevitable failure, pressure and joy, unrequited love held in check; endings yet to be written. Now that's real life." It couldn't be better said then that right there.

Grey's Anatomy may have its downfalls in some aspects but it shows what it's like to be in pressured situations and how to deal with matters that should be way out of their hands. Although this show may be considered a drama it does a wonderful job portraying what it's like to be in stressful situations. It teaches people life lessons such as love, sex, friendships, and break ups all while having the stress of dealing with keeping people alive and performing immediate surgeries. It really shows the importance that one person could have between the matter of life and death all while maintaining themselves both mentally and physically.

Feedback of instructor: This seems a lot like summarization, you want more analysis. Commas after transitions.

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