It's A Wonderful Life: A Movie That Brightens Your Soul By Lyla Miklos Hill Park Secondary School June 1994

All of us at one time must have witnessed the American Classic It's A Wonderful Life. Many people see it as nothing more than a Christmas movie, but we should see it as much more than that. The basic plot is of a local boy who after terribly traumatic circumstance wishes he was never born. To his horror his wish comes true. He sees a world of murkiness, hostility and gloom. He sees what potency he had over the people around him. Every time we view this cinematic masterpiece we should force ourselves to scrutinize our lives. Look at the lives we have touched over time. Sometimes a hua, a word, or even a smile could have changed someone's day or life. We should be more mindful of how we affect the world around us. We might feel like every day common little nobodies, but It's A Wonderful Life proves this false. We must strive to appreciate what we have done and accomplished and never feel like we are passing flotsam and jetsam in the sea of life. We aren't just a number! As we watch It's A Wonderful Life this Christmas season we should let ourselves be propelled in spirit. We're special. We're important. We can change the world around us. None of us is an island, but continents of strength and change. Let us all remember that.