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The dynamic double standard

Before watching

Discuss in class:

- What do you think the title means? What does it mean to be dynamic? When is dynamic used in combination with other words in a movie or comic magazine title? What is double standard?

While watching

- What things can you find in the movie that implies that it is a super hero movie? Listen to the music, the surrounding sound, watch the scenery (where it is set), the time of day etc.

After watching

Discuss in groups of 4-5:

- What do you think Zoey is doing when Midnight hawk comes to see her? Why do you think she is on top of a roof?
- What do you think your reaction would be if a super hero asked you to be his/her sidekick? Try to explain why you think you would react that way.
- How does Zoey react when Midnight hawk gives her the outfit? Why do you think she reacts the way she does? How do you think you would react if your hero gave you such a uniform to wear? What would your thoughts be and why?
- Zoey slips in her high heels when she tries to climb the roof and she points out that high heels are fairly impractical when fighting crime. When do you think high heels are good to wear? Can you think of a time when it would be practical to wear high heels and if so when?



- Zoey points out that her outfit is not so much armor or protection, whereas Midnight hawk has a full body armor. Why do you think female characters in movies/comics/video games/commercials often wear less clothes than men? Why do you think their outfits or uniforms are smaller? Who do you think more often decide what the female character is going to wear – men or women? Why do you think it is so?
- Zoey says she doesn't think her outfit inspires the same kind of awe as Midnight hawk's. What do you think she means by that? Do you think there is truth to what she says and if so why? Try to think of super heroes – both male and female – that you know and see which outfits inspire the most awe. Compare the outfits with each other. Why do you think it is the way it is?
- In the end of the movie, they switch outfits with each other. Why do you think we are unused to seeing female characters in full body armors and male characters in tiny outfits? Try to remember what you felt when you saw them in their new outfits. Did you think it looked silly? Did you laugh? Or did you think it looked correct? Why do you think you reacted the way you did?
- How do you think we are affected in the long run by seeing women and men dressed the way they are in movies/games/comics etc.? Do you think it affects the fashion industry and the way we dress? Explain what you think.
- Choose the statement/-s you think is/are more fitting to describe the movie and present some arguments to why you think so;
 - This is a movie...
 - ... about being a super hero
 - ... about clothes
 - ... about misogyny
 - ... about protection

Continue the work:

- Draw and design your own super hero outfits for a duo. The criteria are that the outfits must be bullet proof, be flexible so that the super heroes can move in them easily, they must be protective and easy to run and jump in. Plus, of course, they must look awesome and super hero like.
- Do some research about outfits on female characters in games, movies and comic magazines. How many can you find that are practical to wear on missions, in fights etc.? Now do some research on outfits on women in commercials for clothes. What do they look like? Compare all these to outfits you find on male characters and men. List the differences and similarities and discuss these with your friends.
- Did you know high heels used to be really practical in some situations throughout history? Read up on the history of high heels and be surprised!

**Vocabulary:****(American English)**

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| • hawk | - <i>hök</i> |
| • sidekick | - <i>medhjälpare</i> |
| • bulletproof | - <i>skottsäker</i> |
| • armor | - <i>rustning</i> |
| • chest protection | - <i>bröstskydd</i> |
| • whip | - <i>piska</i> |
| • awe | - <i>vördnad/beundran/skräck</i> |
| • circulation | - <i>cirkulation</i> |