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I thought you had an interesting
viewpoint about what the film was
about. Yes, it is about how people
misrepresent themselves to get work.
But there is a very big point about
the opportunities for women and how
they are treated in the workplace.
Your essay is effectively written and
I have only one criticism in that
regard. You don't clearly state
whether you liked the film or not
in Part III.

Po/A—

Tootsie Film**Part I: What is the film about and what is the filmmaker trying to express with the film?**

The film is about the challenges the unemployed, in particular, those with bad reputation face when seeking employment. They end up using other tactics to get employed that might land them in trouble. Michael Dorsey an aggressive and talented New York actor finds it difficult to find work as an actor because of his bad reputation in the entertainment field. He decides to dress up as a woman, Dorothy Michaels and gets work. The filmmaker is expressing the challenges talented people with bad reputation face when seeking employment. He is trying to illustrate the importance of good reputation even to those with qualifications when finding work even to the entertainment field. He is also cautioning people on using fake identity to find employment which has long term challenges.

Part II: What are unique features of the film and how did the filmmaker use those features?

The audiences expect Michael Dorsey a talented actor to find employment easily that is not the case. Michael has to fake his identity to get on stage. It is quite interesting to learn that Michael who treats women poorly has to fake his identity and play a female actor that lands him employment. What is unique is that Michael in his new role as a female actor (Dorothy) feels that his director who does not know his true identity is treating women poorly. The filmmaker complicates things for Michael when two men fall for Dorothy who has fallen in love with Julie. Sandy who seems to be Michael's girlfriend feels that Michael is having an affair with "Dorothy." Additionally, Dorothy's contract is extended meaning Michael has to pretend for much longer than he intended.

ISN'T HE
ALSO MAKING
A POINT ABOUT
HOW WOMEN'S
EMPLOYMENT
OPPORTUNITIES
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SUMMARIZED

The unique feature is that Michael who finds it difficult to connect with women has to play a female role to get employment. He has a scene of kissing a male cast member where he decides to change the scene and instead hit the man bringing out Dorothy's character of a no-nonsense woman. Another unique feature is when men fall for Michael as Dorothy whose true identity has fallen in love with a woman. Another unique feature is when Sandy complains to Michael of having an affair with another woman "Dorothy."

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Part III: What reaction did you have to the film? Did you enjoy the film or not?

The filmmaker tells a story of a male actor who has to dress like a woman to get work.

This storyline was common in the late 1980's. The film is interesting because the filmmaker keeps twisting events surrounding Michael. The kissing part between Michael and a fellow male and Michael and Julie is funny. There is confusion when Michael falls in love with Julie while Julie feels that Michael as Dorothy is fit for her widowed father Les. Michael even asks Les for time to think over his marriage proposal, yet, he clearly knows they cannot get married. He foolishly gives Sandy a box of chocolate with a note from Les.

Part IV: What do you think was the filmmaker's goal and did s/he achieve it?

The filmmaker's goal it to illustrate that some people succeed when playing other people's role that is quite challenging. Michael Dorsey has to act as a woman that makes him earn work, better understand women and become a better person. However, this comes with a number of challenges that he has to overcome in order to succeed. Towards the end of the film, Michael confesses that his role as Dorothy made him a better person than he was before.

Without of these were taken or disliked the film?