

FOCUS ON TWO MAIN CHARACTERS

*** RACHEL**

- as a wife

RIGHT or WRONG? Tick and justify by referring to the film.

She is a widow.

RIGHT

WRONG

RIGHT; in the first scene we see Rachel's husband funeral.

She mourns her late husband and seems really affected by his death.

RIGHT

WRONG

WRONG; Rachel is mad at the beginning when she's on her way to the city, but after the funeral and during the film she doesn't look really affected.

- as a daughter-in-law

Comment on the various stages of the relationship with her father-in-law, using the following adjectives & adverbs in chronological order + Justify by referring to the film.

Submissive / rebellious / impertinent / resigned

At first / gradually / later / eventually

At first, we can see that she is submissive to her father-in-law, Eli, because when he gives her advices she execute.

Gradually, we can see that Rachel is a bit more rebellious, for example when she dance with John and her father-in-law appeared and says that she will break the rules of the Amish community.

Later, she becomes impertinent when she get mad with her father-in-law and she says that she's an adult and she need nobody to take care of her.

Eventually, she is resigned at the end. Because she realise that she had broke the rules and in spite of her love for John Book she let him goes.

- as a mother

Tick the adjectives that apply to Rachel as a mother & illustrate your choices with a couple of examples taken from the film.

Irresponsible weak **watchful** **protective** selfish indifferent **caring** **motherly**

We all know that Rachel is a mother very protective back Samuel. She worries about him and take care of him. She always tell him to make his prayer. She is very anxious when she's without him...

- as a woman

Study the evolution of her feelings for John throughout the following scenes (see 'Structure & Synopsis').

Complete the sentence beginnings as best you can.

LOOKING FOR SUSPECTS / She is angry with John for forced samuel to stay in that dangerous world and she don't want to stay with us to resolved the investigation.

AT THE CAFETERIA / When reporting Elaine's complaints, she blames John because he thinks he have always reason, and that he's on the right way.

TENDED BY THE AMISH / She spends long hours to takes care about John Book, because he can't go to the hospital, sarah is very attentive to John and she takes care of him because she don't want him died. I think at this time she fall in love.

DANIEL'S VISIT / She looks almost tired and bored about him, because she's not interested by him whereas she's in love with John because she looks him really intensive.

RADIO IN CAR & DANCING/ She seems happy and increasingly to discovers the radio, the music, technologies objets but she broke the amish rules because it's totally against the amish rules.

THE SPONGE BATH/ She is so daring and provocative because she is naked, without top, she's testing John to do what they can't do and if they make love, they will fall in love and one of the two will leaves his world.

REMOVES HAT- LOVE SCENE/ By taking off her amish hat, so she broke the rules for John she makes it clear because she is in love and she go out the home to kiss John and arms him.

FAREWELL TO RACHEL/ She looks both mad because the problem is resolved and as though she will quit John because she can't go with him and he can't stay with the amish community.

*** JOHN**

- as a police officer

Complete the following sentences:

As he is a tough policeman, it seems that he often _____
soft

Even though he is corrupt , he is surrounded by _____
honest

HIS GOALS:

Throughout the investigation, his purpose is _____

He also aims _____

He may also mean to _____

- as a guest among the Amish

Give three elements in each column and draw a conclusion.

WHAT HE DOES RIGHT	WHAT GOES WRONG (AGAINST AMISH RULES)
1. _____ —	1. _____ _____
2. _____ —	2. _____ _____
3. _____ —	3. _____ —
CONCLUSION: _____ but _____	

- as a man

He tends to be bossy and macho with his sister Elaine.
nice and helpful

He seems jealous of Daniel who can be regarded as _____
indifferent to

As regards his feelings for Rachel, develop your own ideas within the following sentence patterns (you may refer to various scenes already mentioned when dealing with Rachel):

-Judging from _____

we are led to believe that _____

-Given that _____

we can assume _____

- Considering _____

there's no doubt whatsoever that _____

CONCLUSION

It's safe to conclude that contrary to Rachel, John _____

Unlike John, Rachel _____

Therefore, they exist in two _____ worlds.

They are too _____ to come _____ at the end.

All in all, the message of the film is that _____ and _____ cannot be reconciled.