

Blood Diamond

Write a text that answers the question: "What themes does the film 'Blood Diamond' explore?" You should mention the setting, characters and the main conflicts that the story revolves around.

'Blood Diamond' is a war thriller from 2006, directed by Edward Zwick. It is about two Africans, Danny and Solomon with very different lives. At some point, both of them have something to do with diamonds, and then their fates cross. The main conflicts in the story is firstly about the rare, pink diamond. Then we get more familiar with slavery, child soldiers and war. 'Blood Diamond' gets into many themes as well. However, I am going to talk about change, love, family, and slavery, which are the most important ones. The main and minor characters are the main affections to the story, and what they do are a big part of why I think these themes are the right ones. The relationship between the main character, Salomon and his son Dia who is one of the minor characters is a part of both love and family. Danny, on the other hand is also one of the main characters and he has a hard past. During the movie, he learns a lot about loving and caring which changes him dramatically. Which makes another theme about "change."

To understand the whole concept, you should be a little more familiar with the story. In Sierra Leone in the end of the 90's, a civil war is making chaos. Solomon, who used to be an angler is unfortunately a part of it because he lives there. A group of rebels invades their village and Solomon and his son is two of the victims that are kidnapped to be very different things. Solomon has to work in the diamond mines, while his son has to become a child soldier. While Solomon is working, he finds a very rare, pink diamond that is worth a lot of money. He decides to hide it, but he gets caught. "Fortunately," they don't find the diamond so he gets arrested. Danny release Solomon from prison and makes a deal with him, he is going to help Solomon to get back his son if he shows him where he hid the diamond. And this is where their journey starts together.

I think the themes "Blood Diamond" really look into are among other things "*change*." That is because Danny change a lot during the movie. I think this is because of getting to know Solomon in the beginning. At first, Danny just uses Salomon to get closer to the diamond, for this reason to take the diamond himself and earn lots of money with it. However, during their trip to find the diamond, he falls in love with one of the minor characters who is a war journalist, Maddy. She ends up helping Danny and Solomon to achieve what they want. Personally, I think Maddy is the main reason why he realizes that he does not want to be the person he is in the end, because he finds the more vulnerable side of himself. Moreover, that comes to a point where he eventually realizes that he does not need the diamond as much as he thought and decides to give it to Solomon at the end. I think the background of him being the hero at the end are all the feelings inside of him that only grows stronger and stronger after getting to know Solomon, because Solomon started something in him which only grew stronger and stronger during the movie.

Other themes the movie explore is *love* and *family*. Mostly because of Solomon and what he is trying to achieve during the film. He wants get his family back, and by family I mean especially one of the minor characters, his son Dia. Dia gets kidnapped to be a child soldier,