

Edward Scissorhands (1990) Directed by Tim Burton

Question Sheet

1. The story of Edward Scissorhands pays homage to and is based on what other horror movie character/story? Discuss some of the similarities between the characters and plot of each film.
2. Let's look at colour. How is colour used to contrast the town and Edward's castle? What does it say about how both the audience and the main character view the locations in the film. How was the bank coloured?
3. It is obvious that Edward's castle be old and in disrepair. Discuss why illustrating Edward's home in this way is so important.
4. Discuss the town and the townspeople.
5. Why do audiences grow to like Edward so quickly? What about him is so likable?
6. Before the film starts we see dozens of sugar cookies falling from the top of the screen. We also see the inventor making cookies and Edward is given cookies for his work. Why might images of these cookies be metaphorical?
7. Why is Edward so attractive to the townspeople at first? Outline what happens to turn their affection to fear and hatred.
8. Who was Vincent Price? Why did Tim Burton choose this particular actor to play Edward's creator?
9. Why does the police officer let Edward go?
10. How did Danny Elfman's score enhance the film?
11. Review the film. Provide at least **three reasons** why you did or did not like the film. You can discuss actors, set designs, costuming, lighting, cinematography, etc.