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GOTHAM & THE CITY



"HOPE"

The Batman is a film that was released in 2022 and focused on many themes such as fighting crime and solving mysteries. However, a main theme shown in the film was the idea of hope. Throughout the film, the city of Gotham is shown in despair. Corrupt political figures and law enforcement officers have control over the city. They feed off of deception and retaining power over those who are less fortunate. Moreover, the cinematography throughout most of the film depicts Gotham as a dark, gloomy, crime ridden city. This can be attributed to the scenes mainly being shot in the night or in the rain. The scenes depict Batman trying to solve the main riddle, "Who is the rat of Gotham"? Through the constant clues, provided by the main antagonist The Riddler, Batman learns that most of Gotham's elites are corrupt and have committed crimes and spoke lies about their plans once they got into political power. At the conclusion of the film, we are able to see a shift in the cinematography. The clouds are opening up and the sun is finally shining. This is able to show the city is progressing in the right direction and there is ultimately hope for the city of Gotham.

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