

“Invasion of the Body Snatchers” Viewing Guide

Film students have tended to interpret this film in one of three ways.

1. A Critique of Communism
 - a. The seedpods are a metaphor. What do they represent in this interpretation? Explain.
 - b. What does Dr. Miles Bennell represent? Explain.
 - c. Select a quote from the movie that supports this interpretation.
 - d. Create a colored illustration with labels in your notebook for this interpretation of the movie.

2. A Critique of McCarthyism
 - a. The seedpods are a metaphor. What do they represent in this interpretation? Explain.
 - b. What does Dr. Miles Bennell represent? Explain.
 - c. Select a quote from the movie that supports this interpretation.
 - d. Create a colored illustration with labels in your notebook for this interpretation of the movie.

3. A Critique of Modern American Life (the dehumanization of scientific progress and the consumerism of Levittown style developments)
 - a. The seedpods are a metaphor. What do they represent in this interpretation? Explain.
 - b. What does Dr. Miles Bennell represent? Explain.
 - c. Select a quote from the movie that supports this interpretation.
 - d. Create a colored illustration with labels in your notebook for this interpretation of the movie.

4. Where and how does the film end?