The short story written by James Thurber, titled “The Secret Life of Walter Mitty” is an interesting one. What’s more interesting is the fact that a movie was made, based on the story, of the same title, and it has little if nothing in common with the original. The basics are there: Walter Mitty is still the main character and he gets caught up in daydreams, but otherwise, the story departs completely.

**Character Comparison**

* Walter’s wife and lack thereof (TED/Cheryl)
* All other characters are different.
* Invention of Sean O’Connell as a plot device. Allows me to transition to talking about plot.

EXAMPLE: The characters are a great example of these differences. Walter Mitty has a wife in the short story. She is overbearing and strict with Walter and in the end, he stands up for himself. Whereas in the movie, he is unmarried. This is a huge difference because it allows the writer of the film, Steve Conrad to develop a different plot line, one of romance. In the movie

**PLOT DIFFERENCES**

* ALL different.

**THEMES**

* Is the message the same between the story and movie… James Thurber and Steve Conrad

Informal intro

**In my English class I read this short story and then watched a movie. They were both called “The Secret Life of Walter Mitty.” The point is, that you would think they would have more than just a title in common. Man, would you be wrong. Really, they had nothing in common at all. Well… maybe one or two things, but that’s it.**