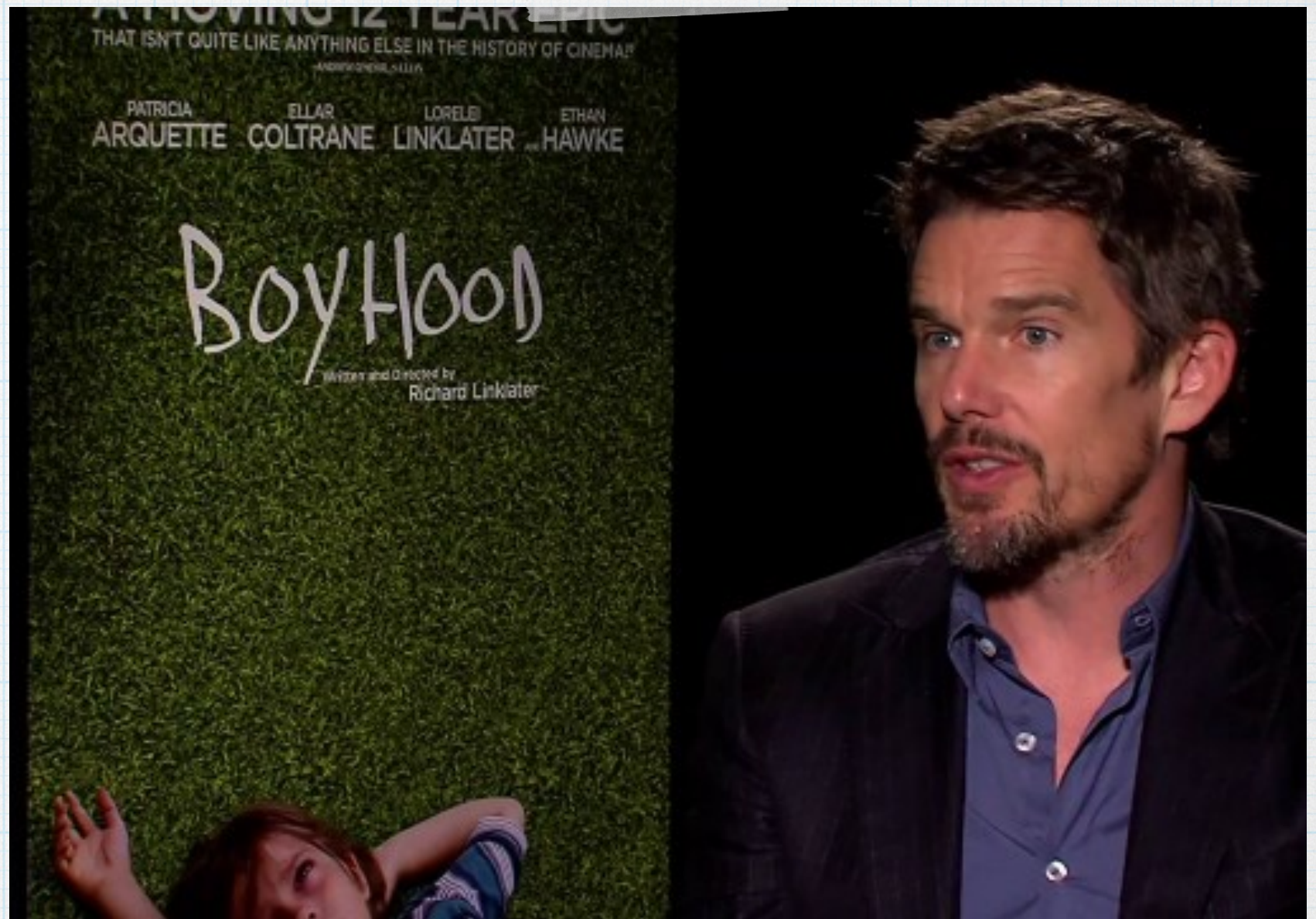


# Watching Films

And  
understanding  
them!



Who's your  
favourite  
character?



And your favourite scene?

Give a personal opinion.



# Mason senior

The biological father is  
Kind, Nice, Active,  
Spontaneous, Original,  
Outgoing, Cool!,  
Tolerant, Sensitive  
Determined...

## Creating Good Memories

We tend to think that he is a bit  
irresponsible, at first.

However, we soon realize that he really  
cares for his children, he loves them and  
defends his right to be with them.  
He makes them experience good moments,  
bowling, camping..And he is really into  
music.



N- 1 Dad



## **"Technically, no elves."**

**Sleepy on the couch, staying over with his dad in his scuzzy apartment, the boy says:**

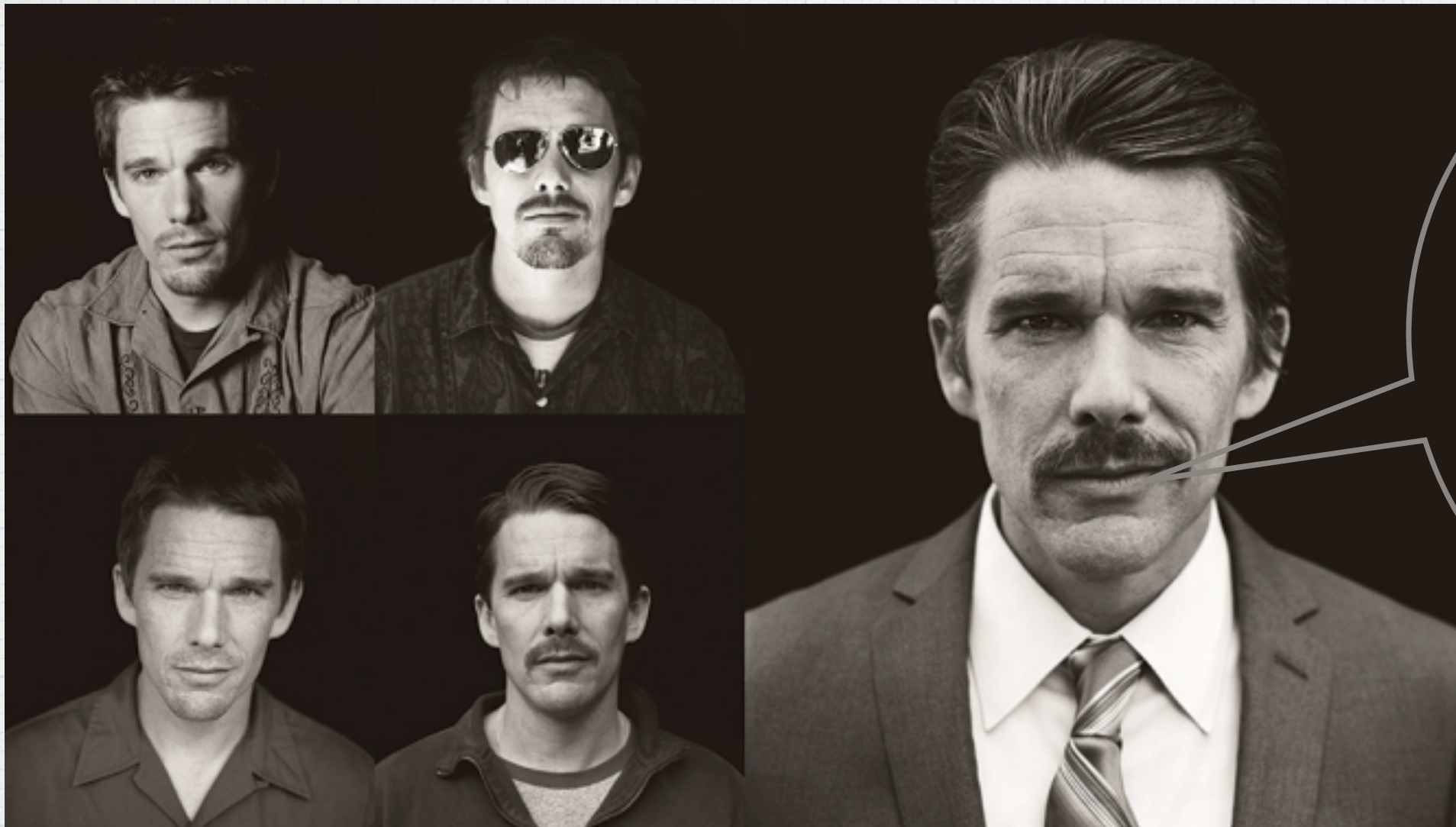
**"Dad, there's no real magic in the world, right? "**

**A moment every parent knows. Then he tries to persuade him that the existence of such creatures as whales is pretty magical, nevertheless. But the boy insists:**

**"Yes but... Like, this second, there's no elves in the world, right?"**

**"No, technically, no elves," says his dad.**





Hate It Here  
by  
Wilco

Mason (Sr.) is, without a doubt, my favorite character. I prejudged him <sup>and</sup> thought for sure he'd be the dead-beat father that he was turning out to be, ~~but~~ he surprised me when he managed to turn his life around, and be the father his kids needed him to be. He taught <sup>me</sup> that it's okay to embrace imperfection and live with your mistakes. He made me see that everyone gets more than just a second chance, and that a new chapter of life can begin at any point in time. He is an inspiration and has shown me that living an ordinary life and being an ordinary person doesn't have to prevent anyone from being special.

Jenni



# Mum

- \* Friendly, Helpful, Caring
- \* Strong, Brave, a Fighter
- \* She fights for a better life, first for her children, then for herself. She becomes a teacher and inspires other people to get a better life, as well.
- \* She puts family before anything else; she has a difficult sentimental life but she tries to make the most of it.



Deep Blue by Arcade Fire





- \* Her most dramatic scene: when the mother goes back to take her children away from her violent abusive second husband, Bill.
- \* Her most moving scene: when the hispanic waiter thanks her -in perfect English- for changing his life with her advice. She told him that he was smart and should go on studying... And he did it!



# An actress with something to say

- \* Last year, when accepting her Academy Award for best supporting actress for *Boyhood*, Arquette called equal pay and equal rights for women.
- \* “Before I made the speech, I said to my boyfriend: ‘I am going to say something if I do win, and I am going to lose some jobs over this. I might not work any more. I am cool with that, are you cool with that?’ He said: ‘You have to do the right thing.’ And I have lost jobs from it,” Arquette said.
- \* Patricia Arquette has a message for those who continue to argue that women are not as talented as their male counter-parts: this is not the stone age. “Those kind of arguments are at best very paleolithic. You can’t talk caveman to me.” she said.





# Mason junior

- \* Calm, Quiet, Kind  
Friendly to all people
- \* Intelligent, Curious.  
Takes pictures.
- \* He is my favourite character  
because he's a quiet, positive  
boy who thinks a lot.  
He lives the different  
situations and takes the good  
part of all of them.



Hero  
by  
Family of  
the Year



# Samantha, Sam.

She doesn't get many fans:  
She is jealous of her brother.  
This is common in families, though.



Moving... A horse-s\*\*\* attitude.

She is very intelligent at first.

Selfish, egocentric,  
she becomes a  
superficial Britney-Gaga  
style-girl.

Like a fashion victim,  
she dyes her hair, too.



One  
by Vampire Weekend



# Best Scenes

- \* Mason, the biological father comes back from Alaska and they go bowling. "Come on! Life will give you no bumpers!"
- \* When they go camping. Walking, swimming and conversation scenes are great, even the embarrassing ones!
- \* For his 16th birthday, Mason gets nice presents: a bible and a gun. Boys love this. His father gives him selected Beatles music.
- \* When he visits her sister with Sheena. Samantha didn't tell her Chinese flat-mate about their visit and she finds them in bed -"doing magical things" as one student expresses it.



- \* Graduation scene: the end of high school is a very important moment in life. The family has an opportunity to get together, nuclear and extended family.
- \* When, eventually, Mason drives to University, alone in his car, listening to the music -Heroe- and watching the landscape in Texas.
- \* There, he meets new people, and they understand him, he is not 'weird' anymore. He finally finds his place. They go to the mountain, exactly to Big Bend.



My favorite scene is the ending. It's nothing spectacular; ~~there's no one's trying to be someone~~ they're not, and the director definitely didn't try for the fairytale ending. Everything felt so real, kind of like "yeah, this is life!"

# Opinion

- \* The film is nice. We can see all the members of the family grow, progress, change... We can see wonderful landscapes, too, in the USA, Texas, Houston, Austin...
- \* It is amusing and, at the same time, it makes you think about how lucky you are, and we can see how they learn and overcome their problems.

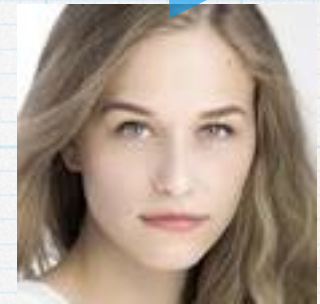
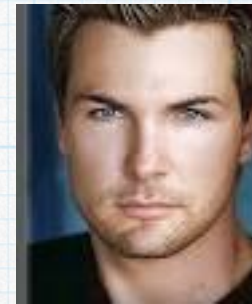


\* This film is quite unusual, you can see part of the life of the people, the actors are great and the director took 12 years to finish it!





Write both their fictional and real-life names.



# Main characters' names



Charlie Sexton is the humble musician-actor playing Jimmy, Mason's flat-mate and life-long friend.

Can you?

Spot him in this musical-party pic.