

Film guide

April and the Extraordinary World

France, Belgium, Canada
2015 | Cert. PG | 106 mins
Directors: Franck Ekinci,
Christian Desmares

In this animated adventure, Paris is run by steam power, electricity hasn't yet been discovered and many scientists have mysteriously disappeared. April is an orphan whose scientist parents were killed in a freak accident. With the help of her cat Darwin, April spends her life secretly trying to complete their work- the invention of an invincibility serum.

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Talk about it (before the film)

Do you know when electricity was discovered? Can you imagine what your life would be like without it?

Which inventions and discoveries do you think have changed the way people live the most?

Talk about it (after the film)

- What was Paris like without electricity? How did it affect the environment, and why?
- What did you notice about the use of colour in the film? How did it make you feel about the setting and the story?
- How was April represented? Did her character change in the film at all?
- Which scientists were mentioned in the film? In groups discuss the scientists you recognised and what they were famous for.

Write about it

Bring your ideas together in a review and share it on our Into Film clubs' website. You could include a summary of the story, mention other films that it's similar to, describe what you particularly liked or disliked and give it your star rating.

Extension Activities

In the film, the environment on earth has become so bad that an alternative plan has been developed to start again in space. If you had to start a new life on another planet, what plants and animals would you bring with you? Would there be anything from earth that you'd leave behind?