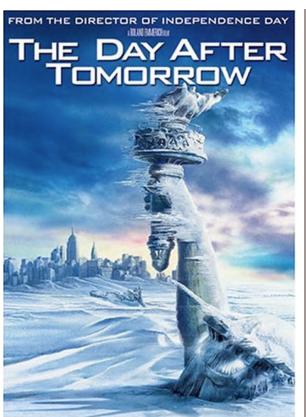
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THE DAY

AFTER

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IMAGE SOURCES:

IMDB Unsplash

DEFINITION:

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OTHER SOURCES:

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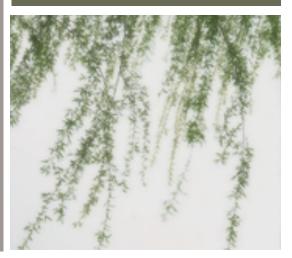
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OTHER SOURCES:

Vivanco; 2014 Bouse'; 2003



The attribution of humans characteristics to nonhuman beings is highlighted throughout Luis Vivanco's argument in, "Penguins Are Good to Think With". Described through the exoticism of penguins, he exemplifies the term through wildlife films that emphasize this phenomenon in the conventional actions linked with penguins. In this sense, the movie, March of the Penguins detrimentally structures itself to identify human characteristics to create a sense of deep and emotional connections with its targeted audience. (Vivanco; 117) While this specific wildlife films removes the presence of humans within the film, they instead, cast human traits on the animals.

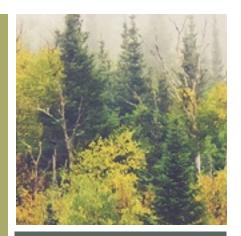


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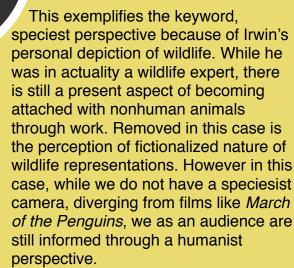
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CITATIONS:

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