A.I. Artificial Intelligence

1. Identity card

Title: *A.I. Artificial Intelligence*

Director: Steven Spielberg

Date of release: 2001

Genre: Science fiction film / Drama

Historical and Cultural Context: Released at a time of rapid technological progress, the film explores artificial intelligence, robotics and the ethical questions raised by creating machines capable of emotions. Inspired by a project originally developed by Stanley Kubrick, it reflects growing concerns about the relationship between humans and technology.

2. Plot summary

In a nutshell: in the future, David, a highly advanced robotic child programmed to love, is adopted by a couple whose son is seriously ill. When the biological child returns home, David is abandoned and begins a long journey to become "a real boy," believing this is the only way to regain his mother's love. His quest raises profound questions about humanity, identity and the nature of love.

Key Moments:

- David is adopted by the Swinton family.
- Martin returns home and David is abandoned.
- David meets Gigolo Joe.
- David searches for the Blue Fairy.
- David is reunited with his mother in the final sequence.

3. Main characters

Name	Role	Symbol
David	robotic child	innocence, identity
Monica Swinton	David's adoptive mother	love, attachment
Gigolo Joe	robot companion	freedom, survival
Martin Swinton	Monica's son	jealousy, humanity
Professor Hobby	David's creator	ambition
Teddy	robotic teddy bear	loyalty, friendship

4. Major themes and links to the LLCER program

Première – Imaginations

How does the film illustrate this theme?

- ➜ Science fiction imagines a future shaped by artificial intelligence.
- ➜ The film questions the consequences of technological progress.
- ➜ Fiction explores what it means to be human.

Key examples

- ➜ David as a child robot.
- ➜ Advanced robots living among humans.
- ➜ The futuristic world affected by climate change.

Terminale – Expression and construction of the self

How does the film illustrate this theme?

- ➜ David searches for his identity and his place in the world.
- ➜ The film questions whether emotions define humanity.
- ➜ The journey explores self-awareness, love and belonging.

Key examples

- ➜ David's desire to become "a real boy."
- ➜ His relationship with Monica.
- ➜ His search for the Blue Fairy.

5. Key quotes and key words

"Isn't it a real love, Mommy?"

artificial intelligence – identity – humanity – love – emotions – technology – belonging

6. Author's message

- ➜ Love and empathy shape human identity.
- ➜ Technology raises important ethical questions.
- ➜ The desire to belong is universal.
- ➜ Humanity is defined by more than biology.