

## **Mass Media**

### **Guidelines for Good/Appropriate/Expected Write-Ups**

After each set of movies (usually 2-4) you will be expected to write and type a film criticism where you will analyze the films. You need to adhere to all of the following guidelines if you expect to earn at least a C on the assignments.

**Remember: this class counts as a general English credit and you are expected to write as though you were in a composition or literature class.**

1. Provide an introduction to your paper where you set up the tone/mood/theme of the paper. Do not start your paper by stating, “I hated this movie because...” or, “I found this movie to be...” Do not assume your reader knows what you are writing about unless you tell them.
2. You are expected to turn in neat work... i.e., not folded and crumpled with food and drink stains on it.
3. The criticisms must be typed and adhere to the following format:
  - a. Title page (not counted towards the mandatory length)
  - b. Typed
    - \* Times New Roman font
    - \* 12-point font
    - \* Double spaced
  - c. 2 pages
  - d. Complete sentences with all proper grammar, punctuation, etc.
4. Because this is an English class, you will be docked points if your writing is sloppily/hastily/quickly written... if you have many errors – spelling, grammar or otherwise, you will not receive a good grade. At least run this through spell check.
5. Turning in a typed document to me on time does **not** guarantee you an automatic A on the assignment. You need to show thoughtfulness and dig for the deeper meaning. I am looking for that “A-ha moment” in your thinking or point of view. I need to be able to discern that you reflected upon the movie, its themes/conflicts long enough that you had a breakthrough. An A is a piece of work that is exceptional, above average, free from errors and extemporary.
6. When you make a statement about a movie, you **must** provide specific support or examples from the movie. Making blanket statements without details from the movie will not be rewarded with a higher grade.
7. **All work is expected to be turned in on time. Late work will be docked 50%, and will not be accepted after 2 weeks of the original due date (as per school policy).** Translation = turn your work in on the assigned due date. These due dates are established well in advance, so if you know you are going to be gone, you are still responsible for getting this to me on the assigned due date... find a way to get it here!