

**Mass Media paper 1**  
**Frenchie ~ Block 2 ~ spring semester**  
***Swiss Family Robinson, Goonies, and Pirates of the Caribbean***

For this (and all subsequent) written criticism(s), you will be expected to follow all conditions outlined in the 'guidelines for good write-ups' document (also found on the website).

**Due: The start of class, Monday, February 6 – 50 POINTS**

**Expectations:**

1. Write a compare **AND** contrast essay in which you will analyze the first three movies shown in class (Swiss Family Robinson, Goonies and Pirates of the Caribbean). Seek out the deeper meanings embedded in these films, instead of merely scratching the surface.

**2. Do not simply summarize what happened in the films... I have seen them and know this already. You need to go beyond regurgitation of the plots and find meaning under the surface.**

3. **2 typed** pages

(Times New Roman, 12-point font, double spaced, 1 inch margins, with a title page – this does not count as one of the 2 pages)

***Hint:***

*Look at elements such as:*

- \* Plot*
- \* Characters (ages, personalities, lifestyles*
- \* Timeframe (when does the movie take place... how long of span is covered in the movie...when was the movie made...)*
- \* Special effects*
- \* Genre (comedy, drama, horror...)*
- \* Believability*
- \* Entertainment value*

**Those without computers at home:**

If you do not have a computer at home, you have 6 ACCESS periods, an entire day off of school (Feb 3) and 12 lunch periods between now and the time this paper is due. That is plenty of time to get this typed. Write it at home and then type it at school. Do not procrastinate!

**Those who plan on writing/typing this at home:**

Do not wait until the night before (or the morning of) to print this out. The excuse of, "my computer blew up, my disk broke, I am out of ink, the file was erased..." will not buy you another day to complete this assignment... you will be counted late which will = 50% of your grade being docked. Plan ahead and get this taken care of.

**All students** should save this to the hard drive, to a disk, and email this as an attachment to yourself so the "computer demons" don't mysteriously attack on February 6<sup>th</sup> when this is due.