

**Mass Media paper 2**  
**Frenchie ~ Block 2 ~ spring semester**  
***It's a Mad Mad Mad Mad World, Rat Race, The Great Race***

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). FOLLOW ALL DIRECTIONS!!!!!!!!!!!!

**Due: The start of class, Wednesday March 1**

**Value: 100 Points**

**Expectations:**

1. Write an essay in which you explore **one** of the following 3 choices... you must utilize specific details from the 3 aforementioned movies:

a. Differences in the roles of men and women from the three movies.

*Hint: Look into the time era (women's rights movement), and see how things have changed from Mad World, to The Great Race, to Rat Race. You should incorporate historical/social movements.*

b. Why are races and/or chases so alluring to be in, and to watch?

c. Why do people who are normally decent go crazy, lie, cheat, steal, play dirty, etc. in the name of winning money or for competition?

2. Do not simply summarize what happened in the films... I have seen them and know this already. You need to go beyond regurgitation and find meaning under the surface. You **MUST** find and use SPECIFIC details from the movies to support your ideas/arguments/claims.

3. 2 **typed** pages

Times New Roman

12-point font

Double space

Do NOT put extra spaces between paragraphs

With a title page – this does not count as one of the 2 pages

**Those without computers at home:**

If you do not have a computer at home, you have 8 Access periods, 15 lunch periods and a full day of school off (February 20<sup>th</sup>) 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, or go to the public library. 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. If you plan on being late, I will not accept anything beyond 2 weeks of the original due date, so don't even try. Plan ahead and get this taken care of.

**All students** should save this to the hard drive, to a disk, to your student file, and email this as an attachment to yourself so the "computer demons" don't mysteriously attack on March 1<sup>st</sup> when this is due.

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