

Guidelines for Film Response Papers

Due dates:

Paper #1: Week 5 – Sept. 23 Paper #2: Week 9 (Oct. 21) Paper #3: Week 13 (Nov. 18)

You may respond to any of the films watched in the time period designated by the due date. For example, for paper #1, you can respond to the films watched during weeks 2-4; for paper # 2 to films week 5-8 and for paper #3 weeks to films from weeks 9-12.

Papers should be approx. 2-3 pages in length, double-spaced, 12-point font.

The response papers are designed to be both analytical and interpretive. By this, I mean that I would like to hear your interpretation and opinion of the film, but would also like to see some significant film analysis. I expect your analysis to be grounded in class readings and/or outside readings.

Response papers should include at least one reference to an outside source (textbook, film review, assigned reading, etc.). **All sources must be cited in MLA format.**

Your response papers can cover any aspect(s) of the film, but I would like you to refine your paper so that it has a clear focus/flow. Every response paper needs to include at least one paragraph about the role of "otherness" in the film.

Please note that I take plagiarism VERY seriously. Always remember to properly cite your sources for direct quotes **AND** for paraphrased or borrowed ideas. Please see the syllabus for links to guidelines on plagiarism.