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Art of Film 2018-2019

Ms. Tozzi

Why watch movies? Why take this course? Unlike many courses at NPHS, Art of Film is not about preparing for a state test. It is not preparing for the next level course, which will prepare you for the college level course which is required for your degree which is needed to obtain a good job so you can make money so you can survive. So why watch movies about superheroes, rock stars, romance gone wrong, love gone right, families plagued by disease and friendships strengthened through tragedy? Why are you willing to spend the money you earn on a movie ticket, but not so much on a regents review book?

“...because we are members of the human race. And the human race is filled with passion. And medicine, law, business, engineering, these are noble pursuits and necessary to sustain life. But poetry, beauty, romance, love, these are what we stay alive for.” John Keating Dead Poets Society 1989

So really, this may be the most important class in your high school career. It is about the great truths in life and we will explore the questions that plague us all...

“To quote from Whitman, “O me! O life! ...Of all the questions of these recurring; of the endless trains of the faithless...of cities filled with the foolish; what good amid these, O me, O life? Answer. That you are here – that life exists, and identity; that the powerful play goes on and you may contribute a verse.” That the powerful play goes on and you may contribute a verse. What will your verse be?”
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People often say that art imitates life. While this may be true, movies often frame the way we see the world. This can be wonderful as we reflect upon our own beliefs and actions. On the other hand, we may be lead to beliefs and assumptions that are inaccurate or biased or sometimes even harmful. This is why it is important to not simply watch movies, but to discuss and analyze them. It is essential that you come to class and participate in our class discussions and put real thought into our assignments. A key part of this course is doing the work together, not just watching movies alone at home. Attend class – we need each other to make this class awesome!

Class Materials and Requirements:

- ♣ You must have a three ring binder for this class. Bring it every day. You can share it with another class, but you must keep all notes, assignments, graded work and handouts. Never throw anything away.
- ♣ All assignments must be completed in blue or black ink.

- ♣ If an assignment is late, ten percent of the assignment value will be deducted for each day beyond the due date. You have one week to make up missed quizzes.
- ♣ Some homework assignments will not be accepted late. Do your homework!
- ♣ Each task and quiz for this class is assigned a point value. Quarter grades are determined by total points . The final exam is 20% of the course grade.

As you may know, I demand a lot from my students. In turn, you may also expect a lot from me. For example, I require you to be prepared for each class with your materials, homework and other assignments. All assignments must be thorough, precise and prompt. For my part, I provide you with weekly assignment calendars, extra help whenever possible and I offer instruction and feedback that will help you do your best on your assignments. Film is a fun class, but also one that offers information, ideas and insight. I look forward to your enthusiastic participation!

A class is a community – so please be courteous and kind to all of our members. Please do not talk or engage in distracting behavior during movies. Working together, we can create a comfortable and productive environment!

Read the Code of Conduct. Know it and abide by it. Thank you.

Late Work

Copies of assignments and calendars are available in room 103. You are responsible for missed work – even if you are on a field trip on the day an assignment is due. If you miss class viewing time, you can watch the movie at home, make arrangements to watch it in the library or with another Film class during a lunch or study hall.

Class Buddies:

Teacher e-mail:

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