

Movie Reviews

Each student will be responsible to watch a movie from the list provided. Students will then participate in a discussion about the movie by answering questions. The discussions will focus on the Sociological impact of the movie. Students should be prepared to respond to questions regarding these movies starting on week five. Students will receive up to 25 points for their response to the questions and interacting in the discussion with other students. Students will be graded not only on their responses to the questions, but their ability to link the movie to the class. Discussions will take place on a discussion board set-up for each movie. Each student must participate in the discussion for one movie.

American History X

1. Racism - Discuss this theme, and why is it important to understand this perspective to overcome racial discrimination. (25 Points)
2. Deviance - Discuss this theme and how deviance plays a role in discrimination. (25 Points)
3. Socialization & Re-socialization - Discuss this theme and how one may be socialized as a racist and then re-socialized as a non-racist. (25 Points)
4. Cults/Charismatic Leaders - Discuss this theme and the impact that a cult and/or charismatic leader can have on developing racists attitudes and breaking down racial intolerance. (25 Points)

Joy Luck Club

1. Socialization - Discuss this theme and how the parents were socialized very different from their children what type of an impact does this have on the children. (25 Points)
2. Gender Equality - Discuss this theme and how cultural differences support gender inequality. (25 Points)
3. Family - Discuss this theme and the effects of family on the mothers and their children (25 Points)
4. Stratification - Discuss this theme and the effect stratification had on the mothers and their lives in China. (25 Points)

Midnight in the Garden of Good & Evil

1. Deviance - Discuss this theme and the different types of deviance that you observed. (25 Points)
2. Homosexuality (not as deviant behavior) - Discuss this theme and what differences did you observe, "what stereotypes," how did the individuals homosexuality effect their "social standing." (25 Points)
3. Culture - Discuss this theme how was culture a part of this film. (25 Points)
4. Social Interaction - Discuss this theme how did people interact with regards to homosexuality, culture and social status or stratification. (25 Points)

Medicine Man

1. Culture - Discuss this theme what are cultural differences did you observe, and what are the reactions to these differences by "Bronx." (25 Points)
2. Medicine/Health/Death & Dying - Discuss this theme and what effects would curing a significant disease have on the world. (25 Points)
3. Equality - Discuss this theme and what the bias was for the scientists as well as equality differences in the tribal dynamics. (25 Points)
4. Environment - Discuss this theme and the effect the destruction of the rain forests has and may have. (25 Points)

Usual Suspects

1. Deviance - Discuss this theme and what are the different types of deviance that you viewed. (25 Points)
2. Social Interaction - Discuss this theme and the statement “all the world a stage” (think in terms of Verbal Kint and how he presented himself to versus who he really was. (25 Points)
3. Stigmas & Stereotypes - Discuss this theme and the effects of stereotypes on criminals and the handicapped. (25 Points)
4. Groups & Networks - Discuss this theme and the effect of group pressure and the advantages of networks, even though they are criminal networks. (25 Points)

I-Robot

1. Technology - Discuss this theme and the pros and cons to technology as well as can technology go too far. (25 Points)
2. Work & Economy - Discuss this theme and what effects technology had on work & the economy. (25 Points)
3. Socialization & Social Interaction - Discuss this theme and how the robots were socialized and the extent of social interaction they had with humans. (25 Points)
4. Deviance - Discuss this theme and the role deviance played in the movie, as well as the “rules” that were broken. (25 Points)

V-for Vendetta

1. Religion- Discuss the theme of religion and its link to the “political system”. (25 Points)
2. Deviance- Discuss the theme of deviance and how in this case deviance was a good thing. (25 Points)
3. Social Interaction – Discuss the role of social interaction for V and for Eve, how are they similar and how are they different. (25 Points)
4. The movie mimics the past and in some cases parallels the current affairs and offers a in-sight into the future, why is this important to and how does it relate to sociology overall. (25 Points)