

Film Writing Assignment: One film requirement

The use of classic and contemporary media is a unique tool for teaching and engaging students in topics on aging. Films on aging have a great influence on our attitudes, perceptions and in many ways shape our thought processes by what we see visually and how we interact with this population. The films selected illustrate real life issues faced by older adult that are covered in this gerontology course, including but not limited to physical changes in aging, death and dying, utilization of long-term care, caregiving, dementia, retirement, and sexuality...

The objectives of this assignment are to:

- Identify relevant gerontology concepts from a selected movie
- Relate the concept presented in the movie to course content (in lectures, textbook, readings, and or outside research; and finally
- Evaluate whether concepts are accurately portrayed in the movie based on information learned in the course.

I have increased the film listing as you will only be required to view one film.

FILM SELECTION LIST:

A Rumor of Angels	Still Alice
Age of Champions	The Bucket List
An Unfinished Life	The Intern
Away from Her	The Magic of Belle Isle
Driving Ms. Daisy	The Notebook
Going In Style	The Trip to Bountiful
Goodbye Mr. Chips	The Whales of August
Last Vegas	Tuesdays with Morrie
On Golden Pond	Wrinkles
	You're Looking at Me like I live here but I don't.

All films are available in Hostos Library- Audio Room/ Youtube or Netflix.

Your task is to develop a four to five page paper that identifies, relates, and discusses gerontology concept with the selected movie to materials learned in this course. The paper must include the following:

- Identify two or three of the most relevant gerontology concepts in the film you select.
- For each concept or topic identified, provide a contextual background that describes how it was depicted in the movie.
- Relate each concept or topic to course content using evidence from lectures, readings or outside research. DO NOT SUMMARIZE the movie, instead integrate specific learned material to demonstrate an understanding of each concept.
- Make sure you include citations and a reference page. Evaluate whether or not each concept was accurately portrayed in the movie based on content knowledge.
- Make sure you include citations and a full reference page.

This can be used to guide your paper and topic.

Film Name _____

Age Related Issue _____

Public Health Importance: What is the impact of this issue on the aging population? (for example use statistics and percentages to make your claim). Include this in your introduction

Your reference should support this...

What national or local agencies can assist with the age-related issue addressed in the film.
(Include at least 3-5 references)

References

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

Just to recap... What your paper will eventually include. Refer to course syllabus for specifics.

The film you selected had an age-related issues such as, *ageism and stereotypes, abuse, cognitive impairment, death and dying, depression, diversity, family relationships, finances, health disparity, housing, inequality, caregiving, sexuality and intimacy, health and wellness, healthy aging, food insecurity, retirement communities, poverty, work and retirement, etc.*

For example, if you choose a specific disease like Alzheimer's, you should discuss the following:

1. **Public Health Importance:** What is the impact of this issue on the aging population? (for example use statistics and percentages to make your claim).
What national or local agencies can assist with the age-related issue addressed in the film.
(Include at least 3-5 references)
2. **Recommendations: Discuss what types of strategies can best** address this issue; recommendations should be explained within an ecological framework and should include a brief description of evidence in support of your recommendations. Examples of recommendation strategies can be the following:
 - 1) A specific communication strategy to reach the target population, like an education campaign, social marketing, community outreach, community agencies, etc.)

The paper should be at least 4- 5 pages typed and double-spaced. The reference page does not count towards the page count.

Remember do not use terms like, “I chose this topic because...” There is a research component to this assignment and therefore you must use objective data to convince the reader why the issue is important.

About your Reference Page: Please note that the last section of your term paper is your reference page. The reference page does not count towards the 3-4 page requirement. In the reference page you must list all of the references that you used to write your paper (e.g. U.S. Census.gov, course textbook, book, peer reviewed article etc...)

You will list your references according to the American Psychological Association guidelines (APA Style). For APA guidelines please go to the following websites:

<http://www.library.cornell.edu/resrch/citmanage/apa> &
<https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/560/01/>