

FILM REVIEW

This assignment requires you to watch and review one of the following movies from the list below:

- Crash
- Boyz 'n the Hood
- American History X
- Higher Learning
- Murder on a Sunday Morning
- Scottsboro: An American Tragedy
- American Me
- Blood in, Blood out
- End of Watch
- Gran Torino
- ***If you wish to select a movie not on this list, you must request permission to do so to ensure it will be a good fit to successfully complete this assignment.***

Once you have watched your selected film, address the following items in your essay:

- Summarize the movie (briefly)
- How are issues of race/ethnicity addressed in the film? What are your thoughts on how race/ethnicity is addressed, given what you have learned this semester?
- Identify three ways the movie is related to class material (providing specific examples and citing the book and/or journal articles from the course)

Your review should read like an essay in paragraph form. In other words, your review should NOT be comprised of short answers to each of these bullets. You must have a clear introduction paragraph (approximately 3 sentences describing the purpose of the paper, with a thesis statement); clear body paragraphs (discussing the points described above); a clear conclusion paragraph (3 to 5 sentences) in which you talk about what you learned from this exercise, or something that surprised you, or something you wish would have been presented differently in the movie and why.

*******PAPER FORMATTING REQUIREMENTS *******

Your paper will be graded on your ability to present your critical reflections in a clear and concise manner, as well as structure and grammar. This guideline is designed as a 'check list' to cover basic requirements for this paper. Be sure to review this checklist prior to turning in your paper. You will lose points if you do not follow these formatting guidelines. I expect you to **closely edit** your paper prior to submission.

- Typed
- 1-inch margins ONLY
- Double-spaced ONLY
- Four to Five pages, excluding title page and reference page
- Title page
- Reference page (i.e. cite textbook using APA format)
- Spell checked
- Numbered pages
- Correct grammar
- Use 12 pt 'Times New Roman' font or similar font
- Minimize use of direct quotations
- Make sure you understand how to correctly cite sources; be sure you understand the difference between quoting and paraphrasing (see example paper and/or consult library for APA support)
- Make sure you understand the definition of plagiarism and University policies regarding plagiarism