

# Legacy Essay - Film And Change!

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**Due** Jul 17 by 11:59pm    **Points** 100    **Submitting** a text entry box or a file upload  
**Available** Jun 14 at 12am - Jul 18 at 11:59pm about 1 month

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Film has the ability to shape our internal dialogue and affect our brain. Get us up and out of our seats to take action in our life and society.

READ THIS ARTICLE: (You will NOT be tested on the material in the article.)

How Stories Change the Brain

[https://greatergood.berkeley.edu/article/item/how\\_stories\\_change\\_brain](https://greatergood.berkeley.edu/article/item/how_stories_change_brain)

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**Watch ONE of these two films.**

Birth Of A Nation: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The\\_Birth\\_of\\_a\\_Nation](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Birth_of_a_Nation)

([https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The\\_Birth\\_of\\_a\\_Nation](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Birth_of_a_Nation))

or

Battle Of Algiers: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The\\_Battle\\_of\\_Algers](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Battle_of_Algers)

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After watching the movie I want you to recall a time a film moved you politically or socially. I'm not talking about a film you think is well made. I want to know about a film that made you get up and do something or change something about yourself.

Then find someone in your family or community who is older than 50 years. You are to interview them. Ask them about the first film that had a political or social impact on their life.

Write a two page, double spaced essay comparing and contrasting your experiences. What was the film? What message did you take away? Did you become active socially or personally in any way as a result of seeing this movie?

I want you to explore the deeper personal feelings that resulted from the film. How did you feel after watching Birth Of A Nation or Battle Of Algiers?

For example, I was moved by Spike Lee's film Do The Right Thing. (SPOILER ALERT!!) I felt like Spike touched the hem of truth in the scene when the police killed Radio Raheem. His portrayal of tensions between Korean and African Americans moved me. Post watching the film, the music of Public Enemy became my mantra. I was "Fight The Power" all the way. My Public Enemy cd was always played loud and that was my outright statement to the world. I had my "Do The Right Thing" b-ball jersey that made me feel justified in my young anger. It was like a badge for me.

I recall watching another film, MANDINGO.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mandingo\\_\(film\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mandingo_(film))

This was a film about a slave from Africa who was forced to fight other slaves in bloody death matches. There is one scene that is still with me. A scene where they take the slave and attempt to toughen his skin for his fights. They dunk him into a cauldron of boiling water. It brought me to tears. I was angry with this country's dark history of slavery and how it still impacts us today.

What movie did it for you? What film experience made a profound impact on you. I want to know about it. It doesn't have to be political. It can be a marked shift in any human understanding that you hold. Share your experience with your chosen elder. Talk over coffee. Go deep on this one and make it personal. There is no wrong answer.

Include the name, age, relationship to your chosen elder.

What scenes had the greatest impact and why? What character(s) do you remember and why?

When the film ended what did you want to do? Include comments and insights that you've gained from your elder.

## Legacy Essay Rubric

Criteria	Ratings		Pts
Articulation of ideas Communicate ideas in a clear manner.	<b>25 pts</b> <b>Full</b> <b>Marks</b>	<b>0 pts</b> <b>No</b> <b>Marks</b>	25 pts
Grammar No Grammar Errors	<b>25 pts</b> <b>Full</b> <b>Marks</b>	<b>0 pts</b> <b>No</b> <b>Marks</b>	25 pts
Insightful interview references. Student will use insightful references from the interview to support their main points.	<b>25 pts</b> <b>Full</b> <b>Marks</b>	<b>0 pts</b> <b>No</b> <b>Marks</b>	25 pts
Reference to films Student will use brief references to their chosen film and refer only to scenes in the film that are relevant to their point.	<b>25 pts</b> <b>Full</b> <b>Marks</b>	<b>0 pts</b> <b>No</b> <b>Marks</b>	25 pts
<b>Total Points: 100</b>			