

Compose a 6-8 page paper that connects ONE movie, television show, or book in popular culture to the themes, theories, and concepts of international relations.

The following are acceptable choices for this paper:

Films:

- Bridge of Spies
- Coming to America
- Dr. Strangelove
- Schindler's List
- Wall-E
- UPDATE: Black Panther and Avengers: End Game have also been approved

Books:

- World War Z (book by Max Brooks, NOT the movie with Brad Pitt)
- The Power by Naomi Alderman
- The Fifth Season by N.K. Jemisin
- Nowhere by Neil Gaiman

TV:

- Star Trek - The Next Generation (the show not the movies) - Select any 4 episodes. Be specific about which episodes.
- Battlestar Galactica (the 2004-2009 version) - Select any 4 episodes. Be specific about which episodes.
- Firefly - Select any 4 episodes. Be specific about which episodes.

Instructions:

The paper should first introduce the book or movie briefly, in no more than two pages, and why it connects to international relations. Then, you should consider at least two themes/theories/concepts that were discussed in this course and spend at minimum of two pages on each of the concepts and how they are demonstrated in the book or movie you have chosen. What are the limitations of the concept in international relations as it applies to the movie? Your final conclusion should consider how the concepts as demonstrated in the movie/book are different or similar to how international relations and politics play out in the real world, and the strengths and weaknesses of using this particular movie or book as an example of international relations. The conclusion should be at least 1 page.

To Recap:

- Page 1: Introduction to how book/movie relates to IR
- Pages 2-4: One concept from this course and how it connects to the book/movie
- Pages 5-7: One concept from this course and how it connects to the book/movie
- Page 8: Conclusion that discusses the strengths/weaknesses/limitations of using this book/movie to understand the real world

Some Guidelines and Information:

- This paper must be at minimum 6 FULL pages of actual writing. Extra spaces, margins, headers, footers, bibliographies, tables, images, graphs, figures, titles, headings, etc. do not count as writing. You must write at least 6 full pages in order to even receive full credit for this assignment.
- Write at a college level. Use proper spelling, grammar, and punctuation.

- Include citations. **You must include citations to the book/movie/television show that you choose, as well as at least one scholarly outside source, such as an article found from JSTOR or Google Scholar.** You may add additional sources, such as articles from journalistic sources, but you must include at least one scholarly source.
- Cite properly. Use either APA or Chicago Style citation for both in-text citations and your works cited page/bibliography.

International Relations Concepts Theories

- Realism
- Liberalism
- Constructivism

Other international relations topics

- Globalization
- The global south
- Human rights