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## Film and Society Essay

Essay Assignment: Using information from class, write a well-organized essay which answers the following question:

## In what ways did the film industry reflect the culture of the early 1900s?

#### **ESSAY REQUIREMENTS:**

- The essay should be an **analytical**, **4** or **5 paragraph** essay. It should have an intro paragraph with argumentative thesis statement, specific historical & film examples in the body paragraphs, and a conclusion paragraph. (You need 6 pieces of evidence you can choose to write 2 or 3 body paragraphs.)
  - o You should have at least one quote in each body paragraph.
  - o Evidence should come from the class notes, films & readings.
  - o You need to cite your sources (either in a footnote or in parenthesis.)
- Length: 2+ pages, double-spaced, typed, 1-inch margins, font size 12. Please use TIMES NEW ROMAN or something comparable.

Thesis statement & outline due:		
Final essays due:		

### **Essay sources:**

- ➤ "Early Film Invention" class notes
- ➤ "Early Film Short Films" class notes
- ➤ "Hollywood: A Celebration of Silent Film" notes
- ➤ "Early Film Animation" class notes
- > "How American film (Hollywood) Became Great" reading
- ➤ "The 1920s & 1930s in Film" class notes
- ➤ "The Influence of Hollywood & Growing Concerns" reading
- ➤ "Hollywood's Scandals" class notes
- Censorship & Morality Clauses class notes

# Film Essay – BRAINSTORMING SHEET

What was happening in SOCIETY in the 1890s - 1930?	What was happening with MOVIES in the 1890s - 1930s?
(THEMES: Political, social & economic trends of the time)	(EXAMPLES: the movies, the technology behind films, the actors & the way the film business itself was set up.)
1890s-1910s:	
1920s:	
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1930s:	