

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

