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Cinema 201 Final Paper

Women have often been perceived as the weaker sex, both physically and mentally. Although the playing field between men and women has been leveled recently, and feminism is a highly discussed topic, for many years women faced discrimination and prejudice in all aspects of life. This prejudice flooded into the world of film. Please choose a Hollywood movie from any time era, and from any genre we discussed, and write a 1000-word essay. Please discuss, using examples from the readings assigned for this course, and keeping in mind the bi-directional influence of movies and society, the role of women in that movie and what norms and codes create the movie's gender roles.

Total Grade of _____ out of 200 possible points

Overall Quality of Writing (100 points)

Section Total: _____ (of 100)

26-30 points

Excellent exploration of ideas; is generally focused and well organized; uses sentence variety and vocabulary to convey meaning clearly; demonstrates good control of sentence structure and language usage and has no errors.

20-25 points

Good exploration of ideas; is adequately organized; conveys meaning with reasonable clarity; demonstrates satisfactory control of sentence structure and language usage but may have some errors that interfere with clarity.

10-19 points

Essay shows some competence in writing skills, although the writing is flawed in at least one of the following ways: weak organization; weak control of sentence structure or language usage, with errors that often result in vagueness or lack of clarity; inadequate exploration of ideas.

6-10 points

Essay shows serious weaknesses in writing skills. The writing is flawed in at least one of the following ways: lack of organization; serious and frequent problems in sentence structure or language usage, with errors that obscure meaning.

0-5 points

Essay shows fundamental deficiencies in writing skills. The writing is fundamentally flawed in at least one of the following ways: content that is extremely confusing or mostly irrelevant to the assigned task; severe and pervasive errors that result in incoherence.

Style and Formatting

Section Total: _____ (of 50)

The paper is formatted according to MLA standards	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Is the paper free of typos, repeated words, spelling errors, etc.	0	1	2	3	4	5		
Are there 1-inch standard margins and page numbers?	0	1	2	3	4	5		
A Rubric is stapled to the paper	0	1	2	3				

Assigned Content

Section Total: _____ (of 50)

How substantially does the essay engage with the following topics:

Clear thesis	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Description of the movie	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Description of the actors' relationships/interactions	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Citations	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Gender roles	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10



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