film studies

TRANSITION TASKS SUMMER 2021

TASK 1: For your first task, you need to create a short presentation on PPT about a film which has had an impact on you. It could be a film that has shocked you in some way, affected you emotionally, or just wowed you with the visual effects.

In your PPT you need to include:

• Some basic information about the film: when it was produced and released; who directed and produced it; a little bit of information about its plot.

Explain your reasons as to why this film has such an impact and why.

- For this you should refer to a key scene(s), ideally a link to the video of the scene but if unavailable screen shots are fine.
- A brief profile of one of the film's actors / actresses and how their role in this film was particularly important

Anything else which you feel you need to tell us about in order to show why and how this particular film had such an impact on you!

Your presentation should be approx. 10 slides in length.

TASK 2: For your second task, you need to watch ANY film that you have NOT already seen then write a 300 word review.

When writing a review you should:

Express your opinions and support your criticism. Do not shy away from saying whether you thought the film was good, bad, or in-between. Try to express why and how you came to this criticism. Be sure to back up your thoughts with specifics—a disappointing performance, a ridiculous plot, beautiful cinematography, difficult material that leaves you thinking, and so on.

Comment on the highlights or missteps of directors, cinematographers, costume designers and CGI. What worked, what surprised, what fell short of expectations, are all great questions to address in the body of your review.

Give your readers some idea of the plot, but be careful not to include any spoilers.

TASK 3: For the final creative task, I would like you to recreate a famous scene from a film of your choice. You could film a short scene 10 seconds or so, or create a series of still photos.

Think iconic moments that people would instantly recognise sometimes without even seeing the film.

Remember to think about location, costume and props as well as camera angles. Be resourceful and use what you have at your disposal.

Look at this video for inspiration:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g3xHkFsKhDk



IMDB: INTERNET MOVIE DATABASE TOP 100

Go through the list and tick the films you HAVE SEEN, it doesn't matter if you haven't seen ANY of these films, this will be used as an icebreaker for discussion and isn't necessary for the course.

☐ Shawshank Redemption	☐ Interstellar	☐ Apocalypse Now	☐ Capernaum
☐ The Godfather	☐ The Green Mile	☐ Momento	☐ Avengers: Endgame
☐ The Godfather II	☐ Parasite	☐ Raiders of the lost Ark	☐ High and low
☐ The Dark Knight	☐ Leon	☐ The Great Dictator	☐ American Beauty
☐ 12 Angry Men	☐ Harakiri	☐ The Lives of Others	□ Toy Story
□ Schlinder's List	☐ The Usual Suspects	□ Django Unchained	□ Braveheart
☐ Lord of the Rings	☐ The Pianist	□ Paths of Glory	☐ Amadeus
☐ Pulp Fiction	☐ Back to the Future	☐ Sunset Bvld	□ 3 Idiots
☐ The Good, The Bad and the Ugly	☐ Terminator	□ WALL-E	☐ Inglorious Basterds
☐ Fight Club	☐ Psycho	☐ The Shinig	☐ Good Will Hunting
☐ Forest Gump	☐ Modern Times	☐ Witness for the Prosecution	□ 2001 A Space Odyssey
☐ Inception	☐ The Lion King	Avengers: Infinity War	☐ Reservoir dogs
☐ Star Wars	☐ America History X	☐ Joker	□ M
☐ The Matirx	☐ City Lights	☐ Dr Stangelove	☐ Like Star on Earth
☐ Goodfellas	☐ Gladiator	□ Spiderman	☐ Citizen Kane
One flew over the Cuckoos Nest	☐ Whiplash	□ Oldboy	□ Vertigo
☐ The Sound of Music	☐ The Departed	☐ Princess Monoke	☐ Requiem for a Dream
☐ Seven Samurai	☐ Grave of the Fireflies	☐ Hamilton	☐ The Hunt
□ Se7en	☐ Untouchable	☐ Once Upon a Time in America	☐ Come and See
Silence of the Lambs	☐ The Prestige	□ Your Name	□ Singin' in the Rain
☐ City of God	Casablanca	☐ The dark Knight Rises	☐ North by Northwest
☐ It's a Wonderful Life	Once Upon a Time in the West	☐ Aliens	☐ Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless mind
☐ Life is Beautiful	☐ Rear Window	□ Coco	☐ Bicycle Thieves
Saving Private Ryan	☐ Cinema Paradise	□ Pather Panchali	□ Ikiru
☐ Spirited Away	☐ Alien	□ Das Boot	☐ Lawrence of Arabia