

THE STUDENT CRITIC: Classic Black & White Film

Become a critic yourself! Impress me with your talent, your knowledge of film techniques, your understanding of film in general, and your insight about your chosen film. Your written review should be five paragraphs.

Paragraph #1: A summary of the film's content, including title and other basic information. Start with a catchy beginning and end with your thesis sentence.

Paragraph #2: Analysis of a specific sequence, discussing number and type of shots, cuts, camera angles, and any other relevant film techniques. Think, "What is the effect of _____?" Start with a topic sentence and include at least three details to prove your opinion.

Paragraph #3: Analysis of another sequence.

Paragraph #4: Analysis of another sequence.

Paragraph #5: Your opinion of the film, using specifics as evidence. Informal "I" OK. Restate your thesis sentence in different words. Tell us what you told us and establish closure.

You must select your film from the following approved list of black and white films. You will need to watch the film on your own time. If you do not want to rent a video yourself, you can watch a film from the classroom library during overtime/lunch in the classroom. Check the posted viewing schedule on the bulletin board. Most of the films are unrated or PG, but there are some R-rated titles. Do not choose one of those unless your parents approve. You might want to solicit their suggestions anyway.

THE APPROVED LIST OF CLASSIC BLACK AND WHITE FILMS

A
Advise and Consent
All About Eve
All the King's Men
Anatomy of a Murder
Apartment, The
Arsenic and Old Lace
Artist, The

B
Bad Seed, The
Bank Dick, The
Beau Geste
Bedford Incident, The
Best Years of Our Lives
Bicycle Thief, The*
Big Sleep, The
Birth of a Nation@
Bishop's Wife, The
Blackboard Jungle
Blue Angel
Born Yesterday
Breathless *
Bringing Up Baby
Broadway Danny Rose

C
Cabinet of Dr. Caligari @
Cape Fear
Captain Blood
Casablanca

Cat People
Christmas Carol, A
Citizen Kane
City Lights @
Come Back, Little Sheba
Compulsion
Cry, the Beloved Country

D
D.O.A.
Dark Victory
Day the Earth Stood Still
Days of Wine and Roses
Defiant Ones, The
Double Indemnity
Dr. Strangelove
Duck Soup

E
Ed Wood
8½ *
Elephant Man
Eraserhead #

F
Face in the Crowd, A
Fail Safe
Farmer's Daughter, The
Forty-second Street
Frankenstein
Frankenweenie
From Here to Eternity

G
Gentleman's Agreement
Georgy Girl
Good Earth, The
Good Night, And Good Luck
Gold Rush, The @
Grand Hotel
Grapes of Wrath, The
Great Dictator, The
Green Pastures, The
Gunfighter, The
Gunga Din

H
Harvey
Haunting, The
Heiress, The
Here Comes Mr. Jordan
Hiroshima, Mon Amour *#
His Girl Friday
How Green Was My Valley
Hud
Hunchback of Notre Dame
Hustler, The

I
In Cold Blood
Incredible Shrinking Man
Inherit the Wind
Island of Lost Souls
It Happened One Night

It's a Wonderful Life

J

Jazz Singer, The
Jezebel
Johnny Belinda
Judgment at Nuremberg
Jungle Book

K

Kagemusha Shadow Warrior
*

Key Largo
King Kong
King: Montgomery to
Memphis
King Rat

L

La Dolce Vita *
Lady from Shanghai
Lady Vanishes, The
Last Picture Show, The #
Laura
Lenny #
Life with Father
Lifeboat
Lonely Are the Brave
Lord of the Flies
Lost Horizon
Loved One, The

M

Magnificent Ambersons
Maltese Falcon
Man Who Came to Dinner
Man Who Shot Liberty
Valance
Man Who Wasn't There, The
Manchurian Candidate
Manhattan
Mata Hari
Metropolis @
Mildred Pierce
Miracle Worker
Mr. Blandings Builds His
Dream House
Mr. Deeds Goes to Town
Mr. Smith Goes to
Washington
Mutiny on the Bounty
My Man Godfrey

N

Night at the Opera, A
Night of the Hunter
Night of the Living Dead
Night to Remember, A
No Time for Sergeants
Nosferatu @
Notorious

O

October *@
On the Beach
On the Waterfront
Oppenheimer (partial)
Ox-Bow Incident

P

Paper Moon
Pawnbroker, The
Persepolis
Petrified Forest
Phantom of the Opera
Philadelphia Story
Picture of Dorian Gray
Pleasantville
Pride and Prejudice
Pride of the Yankees
Prisoner of Zenda
Private Life of Henry VIII
Psycho

R

Raging Bull #
Raisin in the Sun
Ransom
Rashomon *
Red River
Repulsion
Requiem for a Heavyweight
Rumble Fish

S

Sabrina
Scarface
Scarlet Pimpernel
Schindler's List #
Sea Hawk
Separate Tables
Sergeant York
Seven Days in May
Seven Samurai, The *
Seventh Seal, The *
Sheik, The @
Ship of Fools
Snake Pit, The
Soldier in the Rain
Some Like It Hot
Spellbound
Stagecoach
Stage Door
Stalag 17
Star Is Born, A
Stormy Weather
Strangers on a Train
Streetcar Named Desire
Suddenly, Last Summer
Sunrise @
Sunset Boulevard

Suspicion

Swing Time

T

Teacher's Pet
These Three
They Drive By Night
Thin Man, The
Things to Come@
Third Man, The
39 Steps, The
Three Faces of Eve
Throne of Blood *
Through a Glass, Darkly*
Thunder Road
To Kill a Mockingbird
Top Hat
Topper
Touch of Evil
Treasure of the Sierra Madre
Tree Grows in Brooklyn, A
Triumph of the Will *
Twelve Angry Men
Twelve O'Clock High

U

Under the Roofs of Paris @+
Unfaithfully Yours

V

Vampyr *
Village of the Damned
Viva Zapata!

W

Walk on the Wild Side
What Ever Happened to Baby
Jane?
Who's Afraid of Virginia
Woolf?
Wild One, The
Wind, The @
Witness for the Prosecution
Woman of the Year
Women, The
Wuthering Heights

Y

Yankee Doodle Dandy
Young Frankenstein
Young Savages, The

Z

Zorba the Greek

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*Foreign Language

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