

Film Argument Essay Overview

This week you will develop an argumentative research paper based on the film assigned to your group, and for which you have been doing various activities, such as engaging in a discussion and developing an annotated bibliography. Your goal is to develop an argumentative thesis that identifies with specific elements (characters, plot, and / or setting) of the film that reflect the achievement of the American Dream OR disillusionment with the American Dream. Follow these criteria in developing your essay:

Introduction:

- A good introduction relevant to the subject and your film
- A well-developed argument thesis

Body:

- Develop well-argued body paragraphs that contain topic sentences which refer back to the thesis and provide supporting details from the film and your analyses. Well-argued body paragraphs focused on clear main ideas. Each main idea must: be introduced with a topic sentence, include critical analysis supported with clear and specific examples (reference to scenes) from the film, be further supported with critical and scholarly sources and conclude by showing its relation to the thesis.
- Use the film and your scholarly research as resources to develop your argument.
- Use a strong organizational structure with clear transitional sentences

Conclusion:

- Write a conclusion that reemphasized the thesis statement

Research:

- An MLA formatted works cited page with 4-6 sources of relevant scholarly research
- Inclusion of properly formatted in-text citations for all sources used in the essay (using the MLA parenthetical form of citations).