

Essay 3: Arguments with Research and Resources, Oh my!



Media is quickly becoming the new literature. It informs and shapes our understanding of ourselves as well as the world around us. For this essay, you will be exploring the potential cause and effects of media on audiences through one specific media text.

In this essay, you will write an argument about the positive or negative effect of one particular piece of media on its viewers. You'll need to explain how this media text influences its viewers' understanding of themselves or of others. Pick a text—it could be a film, comic book, web series, or a traditional television show—and make an argument about the text's influence on its audience; this argument could focus on an explanation of how and why the text could potentially influence audiences regarding their understanding of gender, identity, sexuality, ethics,

ethnicity, etc. through its representation of characters, stories, or current events.

For this essay, you'll be required to use the 4 academic sources from your annotated bibliography as well as the entertainment text you are examining. The sources will be used as evidence to support your argument.

Requirements:

- 4 pages (not including the works cited page)
- MLA format
- Incorporation of 4 academic sources (not including the show or film)
- Works cited page
- Third person perspective

Due Dates:

- WR 5: Topic Commitment (posted to Titanium by 6pm): Wednesday, March 29th
- E3 RD (posted to Titanium by 10pm): Saturday, April 15th
- Final draft (hard copy brought to class): Monday, April 24th

Some places to start:

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| → Disney movies | → Persepolis | → Ms Marvel |
| → Fresh off the Boat | → Blackish | → Para-Norman |
| → Harry Potter series | → Gravity Falls | → Single by 30 |
| → Steven Universe | → Pitch | → The Book of Life |