

York College Film Studies Summer Prep Tasks

Task 1: A film which has had an impact on you!

For your first task, you need to create a short presentation about a film which has had an impact on you. When choosing your film, think about these points: Was it a film which had an impact on you in some way: did it shock you or affect you emotionally? In your presentation, 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. At least **three** different reasons / parts of the film which particularly made an impact on you and an explanation as to why. A brief profile of one or two 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 (you will not be expected to stand and make a presentation just provide the information on the slides)**

Task 2: Independent American Films

As part of the A level Film Studies course, you will study an *American Independent Film* and your next task relates to this component of the course. Below you have been given two different research questions to answer. You should aim to write about **150 words only** in response to each one. What is an independent film? What kinds of characteristics would we expect an independent film to have in comparison to say, a Hollywood blockbuster? Have a look at this website: <https://www.filmindependent.org/about/> How does this organisation, 'Film Independent' support the production of independent films?

Task 3: Independent American Films: viewing

Your task is to find and watch any example of an American independent film! You can choose the film you wish to watch by searching the internet for different examples of independent American films or, go to this website <https://www.empireonline.com/movies/features/50-greatest-american-indies/> and you will find a list of 50 films to choose from. Some films are available to watch on YouTube for free; otherwise Netflix or Amazon Prime will certainly have at least one example of an American independent film which you can watch. You should write a short summary of the film, including your own personal opinion of the film's effectiveness.

Task 4: Creative Work

You will now have to produce a short treatment for a brand new film idea. It could be either Independent or mainstream, but it should be original. You can choose any genre. The treatment should be approx. 1-2 pages in length. You can use the following websites to help you: <http://www.movieoutline.com/articles/how-to-write-a-treatment.html>
<https://nofilmschool.com/film-treatment>