

Movie Review Guidelines

Over the semester, you'll be writing FOUR movie reviews of at least 250-300 words.

Assignment Directions. Watch a science fiction (or fantasy or horror) movie the list provided below. Now write a short "review" of the movie that uses the movie to explore a philosophical problem, idea, or question. Your essay should include the following:

1. A SHORT introduction to the movie where you tell the reader a bit about the overall plot, and any relevant details they need to know about the characters and setting to understand the rest of your essay.
2. A longer discussion of one or two specific philosophical problems and puzzles in the movie.
 - a. These might involve choices the characters make, the society/technology/ portrayed in the movie, or anything else that occurred to you as interesting while watching the movie.
 - b. The problems might be "big" ones (nuclear war! the death penalty! slavery!) or "small" ones (does the main character treat their friends/family well?) or some combination of these.
 - c. Your review should reference class material at least twice.

Grading Criteria

This assignment will be grade **full credit (2/2)**, **half credit (1/2)**, or **no credit (0/2)**

To get full credit, you need to the following:

1. Each review should be at least **250** and **300 words**. I won't penalize you for going over, though please make an effort to be concise as is possible, given the material.
2. Material I've provided you with in our "textbook" (which contains both my lecture notes and other readings) can be cited informally by identify the chapter, page, and author (if needed). If you choose to use outside resources (you don't need to!), please use a standard citation style (such as APA, MLA, or Chicago), and provide a full citation. As a rule, **no more than 15%** of your paper should be quotes.
3. Please don't use the words or ideas of others without proper attribution. Please see the syllabus for details on the policy regarding **plagiarism and academic integrity**. I regularly use www.turnitin.com to check for plagiarism or related issues.
4. Please submit your essays as MS Word files. I will grade them on a **first-submitted, first-graded** basis.

List of Movies:

Here is a list of movies. I've included a link to the various streaming options.

Note: I indicated movies that available on free/ad-supported services as of August 2022. Others are available on Netflix, Disney Plus, Amazon Prime, or Kanopy (a streaming service supported by many public libraries). Please let me know if links aren't working, and I'll update the list. I may add movies over the semester, so please double-check!

12 Monkeys (1995)	https://www.justwatch.com/us/movie/twelve-monkeys
1984 (1984)	https://www.justwatch.com/us/movie/1984 (Free versions available)
2001: A Space Odyssey (2001)	https://www.justwatch.com/us/movie/how-the-solar-system-was-won (Free versions available)

A Clockwork Orange (1971)	https://www.justwatch.com/us/movie/a-clockwork-orange (Free versions available)
AI: Artificial Intelligence (2001)	https://www.justwatch.com/us/movie/a-i-artificial-intelligence
Akira (1988)	https://www.justwatch.com/us/movie/akira (Free versions available)
Alien (1979)	https://www.justwatch.com/us/movie/alien
Arrival (2016)	https://www.justwatch.com/us/movie/arrival-2016
Avatar (2009)	https://www.justwatch.com/us/movie/avatar-2009
Back to the Future (1985)	https://www.justwatch.com/us/movie/back-to-the-future-part-i
Beauty and the Beast (1946, 1991, 2017)	https://www.justwatch.com/us/movie/beauty-and-the-beast-1946 https://www.justwatch.com/us/movie/beauty-and-the-beast-1991 https://www.justwatch.com/us/movie/beauty-and-the-beast-2017
Blade Runner (1982)	https://www.justwatch.com/us/movie/blade-runner
Bram Stoker's Dracula (1992)	https://www.justwatch.com/us/movie/dracula-1992 (Free versions available)
Brazil (1985)	https://www.justwatch.com/us/movie/brazil
Children of Men (2006)	https://www.justwatch.com/us/movie/children-of-men
District 9 (2009)	https://www.justwatch.com/us/movie/district-9 (Free versions available)
Donnie Darko (2001)	https://www.justwatch.com/us/movie/donnie-darko-directors-cut (free versions available)
Dune (1984, 2021)	https://www.justwatch.com/us/movie/dune (1984) https://www.justwatch.com/us/movie/dune-2021 (2021)
E.T.: The Extra Terrestrial (1982)	https://www.justwatch.com/us/movie/e-t-the-extra-terrestrial
Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind (2004)	https://www.justwatch.com/us/movie/eternal-sunshine-of-the-spotless-mind
Ex Machina (2015)	https://www.justwatch.com/us/movie/ex-machina
Ghost in the Shell (1995)	https://www.justwatch.com/us/movie/ghost-in-the-shell (1995) – (free versions available) https://www.justwatch.com/us/movie/ghost-in-the-shell-2017 (2017) (free versions available)
Her (2013)	https://www.justwatch.com/us/movie/her
Inception (2010)	https://www.justwatch.com/us/movie/inception (free versions available)
Interstellar (2014)	https://www.justwatch.com/us/movie/interstellar
Jurassic Park (1993)	https://www.justwatch.com/us/movie/jurassic-park-i
Looper (2012)	https://www.justwatch.com/us/movie/looper
Minority Report (2002)	https://www.justwatch.com/us/movie/minority-report
Moon (2009)	https://www.justwatch.com/us/movie/moon
Nosferatu (1922, 1979)	https://www.justwatch.com/us/movie/nosferatu (1922 - Free versions available) https://www.justwatch.com/us/movie/nosferatu-the-vampyre (1979 - Free versions available)

Only Lovers Left Alive (2013)	https://www.justwatch.com/us/movie/only-lovers-left-alive
Pan's Labyrinth (2006)	https://www.justwatch.com/us/movie/pans-labyrinth
Planet of the Apes (1968)	https://www.justwatch.com/us/movie/planet-of-the-apes-1968 https://www.justwatch.com/us/movie/planet-of-the-apes (2001 - Free versions available)
Snowpiercer (2013)	https://www.justwatch.com/us/movie/snowpiercer (Free versions available)
Solaris (1972, 2002)	https://www.justwatch.com/us/movie/solyaris https://www.justwatch.com/us/movie/solaris
Star Trek: Wrath of Khan (1982)	https://www.justwatch.com/us/movie/star-trek-ii-the-wrath-of-khan
Star Wars: The Empire Strikes Back (1980)	https://www.justwatch.com/us/movie/star-wars-episode-v-the-empire-strikes-back
Starship Troopers (1997)	https://www.justwatch.com/us/movie/starship-troopers
Terminator 2: Judgment Day (1991)	https://www.justwatch.com/us/movie/terminator-2-judgment-day
The City of Lost Children (1995)	https://www.justwatch.com/us/movie/the-city-of-the-lost-children
The Day the Earth Stood Still (1951, 2008)	https://www.justwatch.com/us/movie/the-day-the-earth-stood-still (1951) https://www.justwatch.com/us/movie/the-day-the-earth-stood-still-2008 (2008)
The Fifth Element (1997)	https://www.justwatch.com/us/movie/the-fifth-element (Free version available)
The Life of Pi (2012)	https://www.justwatch.com/us/movie/life-of-pi-2012
The Matrix (1999)	https://www.justwatch.com/us/movie/the-matrix (Free versions available)
The Princess Bride (1987)	https://www.justwatch.com/us/movie/the-princess-bride
The Seventh Seal (1957)	https://www.justwatch.com/us/movie/the-seventh-seal (Free versions available)
The Wizard of Oz (1939)	https://www.justwatch.com/us/movie/the-wizard-of-oz
Total Recall (1990)	https://www.justwatch.com/us/movie/total-recall-1990
Under the Skin (2014)	https://www.justwatch.com/us/movie/under-the-skin
Wall-E (2008)	https://www.justwatch.com/us/movie/wall-e