**LIBS 7014**

**Term Paper**

**Length:** (1500 – 2000 words)

Write a term paper of 1500-2000 words (double spaced). Your essay will analyze aspects of texts chosen from among those on the reading list for the course. Both strong content and clear organization are important; so are spelling and grammar.

Use effective essay format, including:

* an **introduction** that captures attention, introduces your topic, gives background information if necessary, and clearly states your thesis
* a **middle** that
  + is arranged logically and contains good paragraphs and transitions
  + fully supports your points using examples and quotes from the texts
* a **conclusion** that gives a strong, memorable, and effective final impression of your paper and topic.

Choose one of the topics discussed in the lectures and presented in the course materials. You need to narrow down the broad topic and present one or two specific aspects of the topic. You need to use at least two texts from the reading list (in the course materials); furthermore, you need to provide three additional scholarly sources that directly discuss the topic you are planning to write about.

For example, you might choose one of the following broader topics:

* **Film and politics**
* **Mainstream Hollywood and independent filmmaking**
* **Narrative film**
* **Film and psychoanalysis**
* **Documentary films**
* **An active audience**
* **Brecht and Theatre**

After choosing the broader topic, decide how to narrow it down (for example, you can focus on one author or one or two films/plays of the same author, etc.).

Your term paper should be either informative or persuasive. You need to include in-text references and the works cited list. Use either the MLA or APA referencing styles.