

DHWA Grading Rubric

100 points total

- 10 Contains an introduction with an overview and thesis
- 5 Body follows from introduction
- 10 Contains a summarizing conclusion
- 35 Contains original thoughts and not just regurgitation of movie
- 35 Argument is logically constructed and substantiated
- 5 If used, information sources outside of movie are cited

Some common deficiencies

- 5 no overview in introduction
- 5 no thesis in introduction
- 5 using but not citing sources other than the movie
- 5 too long or too short
- 10 body introduces substantial new topics not previously introduced
- 5 Transitions –sentences/paragraphs don't transition smoothly
- 10 Structure – paper is not coherent, jumps around a lot, difficult to follow

Things to avoid doing...

Don't put words in quotes just because you don't care to define your particular use of the word. Better to choose the proper word or define it.

Avoid flowery, convincing statements such as "Without a doubt.." to argue controversial subjects. Let your arguments create this thought in the reader's head.

Avoid the use of idioms. They generally come off as amateurish. Some idioms I have seen...

Jump on the bandwagon

Opened the door

Kick started

Waiting on the edge of their seats

Double-edged sword

No doubt about it

Through the thick of it all

Pile into cars

Stick with

Caught in the headlights

To say the least

Blind to the fact

Get out of the box

Throwing money at them

Pumped money into...

As fast as a turtle

Pumped public interest

Played off