



## Film Analysis Grand Haven High School



**Course Number:** B67  
**Grade Level:** 10, 11, & 12  
**Credits :** .5  
**Prerequisite Courses :** N/A

### Course Description

Welcome!! Film is a part of everyday life for most of us. We watch movies on cable, we rent movies online or from the video store, and we flock in large numbers to see new films open in the theaters. We all have our favorite and least favorite movie lists. We are quick to pass judgment and share our impromptu reviews. It is our familiarity with the world of film that becomes the purpose of film analysis.

This course will teach students how to become active viewers or readers of film. Students will be introduced to the basic terminology and concepts used in the critical study and analysis of film, and look at the aesthetic and ideological elements that make up the language of cinema.

While we will be watching numerous movies together this trimester, please know that this course will also require that students watch those movies more closely than they may have before. There will be daily writing assignments, numerous reading assignments, and multiple formal papers.

### Course Objectives

- Learn & apply literary terminology (characterization, setting, theme, etc...)
- Learn & use close reading & viewing skills
- Hone analytical writing skills
- Use research to discover & support (MLA format)
- Explore the cultural significance & historical context of films

### Student Expectations

Attendance is essential  
Participate in whole class critical analysis of film  
Keep and journal that includes Notes and Reflections  
Compose reviews and critical analysis of films  
Research & analyze a director and create a presentation for the class

#### Building Behavioral Expectations

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## Communication

All questions should be directed to the instructor through email.

## Grading Policy

A	=	93-100	C+	=	78-79	D-	=	60-62
A-	=	90-92	C	=	73-77	E	=	00-59
B+	=	88-89	C-	=	70-72			
B	=	83-87	D+	=	68-69			
B-	=	80-82	D	=	63-67			

## Scope and Sequence

Film genres covered in the class include:

- "Coming of Age"
- "The High School Experience"
- "Techniques of Suspense"
- "How to Tell a Story"
- "Myth VS. Modern Fairy Tale"
- "The Role of Genre: Sci-Fi Dystopia"
- "Ethics and Justice"
- "Foreign Films"
- "'Family' Films"
- "Based on a True Story"

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