

# REACTION PAPERS CHECKLIST

## Heading

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## Introduction

- First/Introductory Sentence:** What is the name of the film and who is the director? What is the overall or broader theme/message of the film?
- Short Summary/Commentary/Background:** You can do one of two things for this part:
  - 1) What happened in the film that YOU found interesting? Explain. **\*\*OR\*\***
  - 2) Provide background information for your thesis statement (from the film; you may also use an outside source if you would like to provide statistics, etc.).
- Clear Thesis Statement:** What is this Reaction Paper going to focus on? Be clear! Vague/ambiguous statements will not suffice. **BOLD YOUR THESIS STATEMENT.**

## Body Paragraph(s)

- Clear Topic Sentence:** What is this paragraph about? What theme or idea have you chosen to analyze? (Must be related to your thesis; **focus on only ONE theme per paragraph**)
- Claims/Arguments:** What is your argument/position for (or against) an idea or theme presented in the film? Please explain. (**This may be a part of your topic sentence**)
- Critical Analysis:** This means that you look at the important aspects of the theme/topic of your choice (i.e. critique ideas; provided support; state the implications; ex: how women were treated during the HIV/AIDS epidemic in *Sex in an Epidemic*). **Why should I as a reader care about this topic?**
- Social/Cultural/Historical Context:** Look at the historical, cultural, social, and/or political implications of the theme you are analyzing. (Ex: the implications of abstinence-only sex education vs. comprehensive sexual education in regards to HIV/AIDS).
- Sources:** Support your arguments/claims/position AND make it relevant; i.e., not a stand-alone quote that does not add credibility to your argument. (Ex: provide statistics that support your claim OR/AND examples that are relevant to your topic/theme. Make sure to also comment on or explain the relevance of examples/statistics provided).

## Conclusion

- Significance/Importance:** Why is this topic/theme important to society? To this class? To you, personally? **OPTIONAL: Provide a "Call to Action" (how do we handle this issue?).**
- Contemporary Example:** Can you think of a relevant example? Please explain and relate to the Significance/Importance or to your analysis. (Ex: for *Middle Sexes*, you could mention the Orlando Shootings, "Gay Marriage," Military Don't Ask Don't Tell, etc.)
  - **NOTE:** Cite your sources if you are utilizing a non-personal example (such as the ones mentioned above) and specially if you are using specific details.

## Works Cited

- Source #1:** Proper MLA citation for the FILM (**REQUIRED for Formatting**)
- Source #2:** Proper MLA citation for a class lecture, article, outside sources, etc.

## Other

- 300-500 words (not including heading or Works Cited sections)
- In-Text Citations where appropriate (avoid plagiarism)