

And the Oscar goes to...

Due Date:

By all accounts 1994 was a great year for film. *Forrest Gump* was a huge box office success and also won six Academy Awards including best picture.

The other films nominated that year for best picture included:

Four Weddings and a Funeral

Quiz Show

Pulp Fiction

The Shawshank Redemption

We watched two of these great films in class, and now it is your assignment to decide which deserves your personal best picture award. You may pick from the two we watched, one of the other films that was nominated, or you may pick another film from 1994 that you think is worthy. (A few other notable films from 1994 include *The Lion King*, *Dumb and Dumber*, and *Hoop Dreams*).

If you decide to pick a film that we did not view in class, please make sure you watch the film again before you write your paper.

Paper Format:

First Paragraph: Introduction

Begin with an appropriate attention grabber. You may wish to use a quote from the movie, a scene description, or some other pull-in. Follow this up with some basic film facts such as director, writer, actors, genre, etc. End your paragraph with a thesis statement that states your opinion on why you have chosen this film for your best picture award.

Body Paragraphs (a minimum of three)

Pick at least three categories to rate your movie. Each category should be a separate paragraph containing a topic sentence, and several detailed support sentences. Clincher sentences for each paragraph are not necessarily required, but if used should add to the quality of the writing. Include transitional words when you switch from one category to the next.

Possible Body Paragraph Topics:

acting, directing, storyline/writing, theme/message, special effects, music/sound effects, costume/make-up, cinematography, etc.

Last Paragraph: Conclusion

Restate your thesis statement in a new way. Wrap up and tie up any loose ends in your arguments and end with a strong conclusion or call to action.

You will be graded with the attached 6+1 Traits Scoring Guide.