

PAPER #1 GRADING RUBRIC
(For instructor use only - do not fill out!)

CONTENT = _____/25 pts.

- Did you have a strong claim? (“This was a good/bad adaptation because...”)
- Did you support your claim with strong reasoning and evidence?
- Did you include a clear definition of what you think makes a good adaptation?
- Did you include specific details & quotes from both versions of the story?
- Did you show critical thinking about the characters, themes and use of the medium?

CLARITY = _____/15 pts.

- Were all of your points easy to understand, even for someone unfamiliar with the works?
- Did you avoid using overly complicated phrases, abstract wording, or excessively wordy phrases where just a single word or two would suffice?
- Did you clearly explain your interpretation of any direct quotes you used?
- Did you avoid including information that was unnecessary or distracting?

ORGANIZATION = _____/15 pts.

- Were your points logically divided into separate, easy-to-follow paragraphs?
- Was your paper unified, following a clear train of thought, as opposed to random or haphazard?
- Did you include a final conclusion to tie up the paper?

STYLE = _____/10 pts.

- Did you attempt to write in an engaging, interesting style?
- Did you try to avoid repetition?
- Did you try to vary up your syntax & avoid choppiness or awkwardness?

GRAMMAR & MECHANICS = _____/ 15 pts.

- Spelling & Punctuation
- General grammar (verb tenses, run-ons/fragments, etc)

WORKS CITED & CITATIONS = _____/ 10 pts.

- Did you cite all of your quotations (both book & movie)?
- Did you use the correct punctuation & formatting for the in-text citations?
- Did you include a properly formatted works cited page at the end?

FOLLOWED INSTRUCTIONS = _____/ 10 pts.

- Paper answered the prompt
- Paper was properly formatted (MLA heading, Times New Roman 12 pt. font, double-spaced...)
- Paper met the minimum word count

TOTAL GRADE = _____/100