

PAF 508: Organizational Behavior

Movie Club Commentary Assignment Description (50 points)

Due 12/1/2017 @11:59 pm

Summary:

Choose and watch one of the movies listed below and write a 700-900 word (excluding references) paper answering three questions: (1) How did the story illustrate one or more OB concepts? (2) How might that or another OB concept have aided the characters or eased the tension in the film? (3) What insights will you apply to your life—and how?

Details:

Much like the diagnosis paper, the main purpose of this assignment is to gain practice identifying and applying organizational behavior theories and concepts in organizational situations. In many films, organizational behavior concepts are at the center of the main conflict that drives the story. In this paper, you will not only identify one or more OB concepts in the movie of your choice, you will then explain how a knowledge of that concept could have aided the characters or the tension in the film, and how you can apply those insights to your life.

You can choose from the below list of movies. Note: I am providing OB concepts as examples. You may choose to talk about how the movie represents the concept below, or any other OB concept(s).

- Job Satisfaction: A League of Their Own (1992), Office Space (1999)
- Organizational Culture: Barbershop (2002), The Godfather (1972)
- Motivation: The Big Lebowski (1998), The Shawshank Redemption (1994)
- Teamwork: Hoosiers (1986), 12 Angry Men (1957)
- Stereotyping: Legally Blonde (2001), My Big Fat Greek Wedding (2002)
- Organizational Change: Pleasantville (1998), The Matrix (1999)
- Leadership: Remember the Titans (2000), Braveheart (1995)

There is no strict outline for this paper, but your paper must clearly answer the three questions listed in the summary. In addition, you must cite at least two peer-reviewed journal articles that support or explain the OB concepts you choose, which means you will need a reference list at the end of your paper. If you are unsure as to whether an article is from a peer-reviewed journal, you can always look at that journal's website.

Other notes:

- Submit via the link on Blackboard in the assignments tab.
- When using information from external sources, cite and reference them appropriately.
- Use APA guidelines for citations / references.
- See rubric on next page for breakdown of points.
- Submit as a Microsoft Word document, so either .doc or .docx file extensions.
- Blackboard automatically checks for plagiarism.

Here is the rubric for the movie club commentary:

	E: Missing or incomplete	F: Fails most minimum criteria	D: Meets some / fails other minimum criteria	C: Meets most minimum criteria	B: Exceeds some / meets other minimum criteria	A: Exceeds most minimum criteria
Overall Language and Style: Written clearly. No spelling or grammar mistakes. Appropriate citations and reference list.	0	7	9	11	13	15
Question 1: OB concept(s) identified in the movie	0	2	4	6	8	10
Question 2: Story: how OB concept(s) aided the story	0	2	4	6	8	10
Question 3: insights applied to own life	0	2	4	6	8	10

At least two peer-reviewed journal articles	0	1	2	3	4	5
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