

Director Research

Individually research and create a PowerPoint/Slides presentation for your director.

1) Research:

- Please do NOT just go to Wikipedia and find all your info – you know how to use Wikipedia, learn how to better use databases (try [Biography in Context](#) – it provides links to many types of media), find news or magazine articles, and seek out respectable online entertainment sites (think [Variety](#) not TMZ).
- Additionally, you need to use at least a couple sources, so open a few sites to gather your info.

A) Information about the director

Biographical info (brief and general – look for interesting and influential facts)

Who/what are **their favorite directors/films**? Who/what are their **inspirations**?

B) Information about their films (find similarities to make general statements about form & content)

***Form:** mise en scene, editing, camera work, lighting/color, motifs, narrative technique, pace, music/score, choice of actors

***Content:** subject matter, themes, situations, setting...

***Character types** (also part of content, but you need to give this specific attention): clearly define/characterize some of the common character types that appear in their films.

Annotated filmography: a list 3 or 4 of the director's films

-- annotated = explain a couple of unique characteristics/attributes/etc. of each movie

either/all of these should be telling of what makes the director unique: signature techniques/ idiosyncrasies/artistic-narrative styles... **think: how would you know it is a film by your director?*

2) Present:

The above information will presented via PowerPoint/Google Slides of 6 to 8 slides (not including last slide with works cited – which can just be links at this point).

- this should be the general ratio: part **A)** 2 or 3 slides; part **B)** 4 to 6 slides

- each slide should have an image (they must have a caption of what the picture is - who/movie name/place/etc. **AND** the year of the image, no other citation needed)

- **note:** This is not the final presentation of your info. Your notes need to be organized, but don't worry too much about layout or making it a polished/good looking presentation.

3) Due: at the end of class (or before class begins tomorrow).

Please submit to turnitin BEFORE class begins tomorrow, Tuesday, 12/4.

HOMEWORK, due at the start of class tomorrow: Print and bring in one image related to your director (a movie poster, a still shot from a movie, a pic of the director, etc...). *Print in color or black & white **as appropriate** (meaning, if you have Wes Anderson: color photo; Hitchcock: black & white is appropriate – if you cannot print in color and should, email me the photo before school begins tomorrow).*