

CinemaSins Guidelines

DUE February 19, 2024

Goal: Review a movie about human evolution in the [CinemaSins](#) format. The review should focus on the ways in which Paleolithic (or whichever time period the movie takes place in) women and men are depicted particularly in the activities they do and the roles they play.

Format: A formal written grant – all the details and guidelines are below.

Teamwork Statement: You can work in a group for this project, but you do not have to. Each group member will be required to fill out a group work assessment so that I can be sure everyone is pulling their weight. Please list your group and the film you are reviewing here. Yes, I was that kid in college who did all the work...

Things Turned in on Canvas:

- 1) The YouTube Video (either as link or file) turned in by uploading to this [Google Folder](#) – **YOUR NAMES NEED TO BE IN THE FILE NAME!!!!** Only one member from each group (if working in a group) needs to upload this.
- 2) You need to turn in a document with the citations referenced for fact checking the film. This is turned into the [same Google Folder](#) and **ALL NAMES MUST BE ON THE DOCUMENT** – one per group
- 3) [Your self-reflection](#) – **EACH PERSON DOES THIS!**

Video Guidance:

If you would like to do a YouTube video (like this: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jHs5POy8-8Y>) so you can include pictures or short video clips, you can use any software you like to do this like iMovie or Spark Video (<https://remix.nd.edu/digital-story.html>). Spark video is freely available software (Remix has templates available) allows you to include pictures, short video clips, and record your own voice in order to create this informational video.

You can also record yourself speaking using the One Button Studio (B-002 Hesburgh Library). Here, there is a computer, camera, and sound recording system set up to record yourself. You do need an SD card to download the recording once done.

Open access images can be acquired here:

<https://pixabay.com/>

<https://unsplash.com/>

<https://ccsearch.creativecommons.org/>

Open access music & sound can be acquired here:

<https://www.youtube.com/audiolibrary/music?nv=1>

<https://freesound.org/>

<https://www.youtube.com/audiolibrary/soundeffects?nv=1>

General Guidance: Remix Media Corps: group of people at Remix there to help you! They have “office hours” Sunday-Thursday from 3:30pm-9:30pm in 256 Hesburgh Library. You can book a consultation with them as well: <https://remix.nd.edu/media-corps/index.html>

Here are some examples from previous semesters: <http://sites.nd.edu/cara-ocobock/primate-podcast-or-youtube-video/>

Guidance on CinemaSins Content

Style: You can make this as boring or as fun as you like.

Things to Think about for Content/What Makes a Good Movie Review:

1. You need to watch the whole film, and watch it more than once
2. You need to provide a general summary of the film
3. You need to provide a consensus (particularly if you are working in a group) opinion on the film
4. You need to address what the film does right in terms of the accuracy of depicting past life and particularly in depicting gender roles
5. You need to address the likely many, MANY ways the film gets past reconstructions of life and gender roles wrong
6. You will need to do some research to better understand where the film was right and where it was wrong. Some of the information will likely be in the various readings from this class, some you will have to dig. For example, movies will focus on different time periods – you will need to research the specific time period your movie depicts to see if it is accurate. Same will be true for the geographical location they depict – do they accurately represent the Mediterranean from 25,000 years ago, for example? You will need to find out!
7. All of this will then need to be reported in a video a la CinemaSins style. The video should be roughly 10-15mins long. Have fun with this! Feel free to be humorous and irreverent!
8. **Be sure to also turn in your self-reflection on this assignment!**

Films I have available through course reserves

You do not have to use one of these films; however, if you choose a movie not on this list, make sure it is relevant to human evolution in some way.

10,000 B.C.

Caveman

Clan of the Cave Bear

One Million Years B.C.

Prehistoric Women

Quest for Fire

The Croods

Year One