

Film/Media Study Guide #1

Cycle: Interdependence

March 15-25

Overview: Once upon a time, countries in the world were very separate and knew very little about each other. As media has advanced, countries have learned more and more about one another. Now, through the use of social media and blogs, individuals around the world have the ability to communicate personally with each other. We create a global society, where we are interdependent upon one another for the progress of our society, by how we use media.

Essential Questions: What is the power of a blog? How is an interdependent world affected by media's reporting of current events? What are some key elements of giving useful feedback?

Blog Posts:

- Follow schedule provided by Ms. Lisa, and post on your assigned day.
- Posts should be at least 2 well-developed paragraphs.
- Topics for posts should be something that is meaningful to you (i.e. a current event in the world, about a favorite hobby, an historical event/person, something you have recently learned about, or an idea that is frequently discussed).
- Posts need to be thoughtful and honest in your opinions/feelings that are expressed.
- Posts need to be generally positive in tone. Absolutely NO speaking badly of a person or group of people! If you are talking about a problem in the world, instead of just complaining, you should be expressing why you think this topic is a problem and then suggest at least 1 solution to the problem.
- Posts need to include at least 4 hashtags.
- You need to sign your post with your first name and last initial.

Blog Comments:

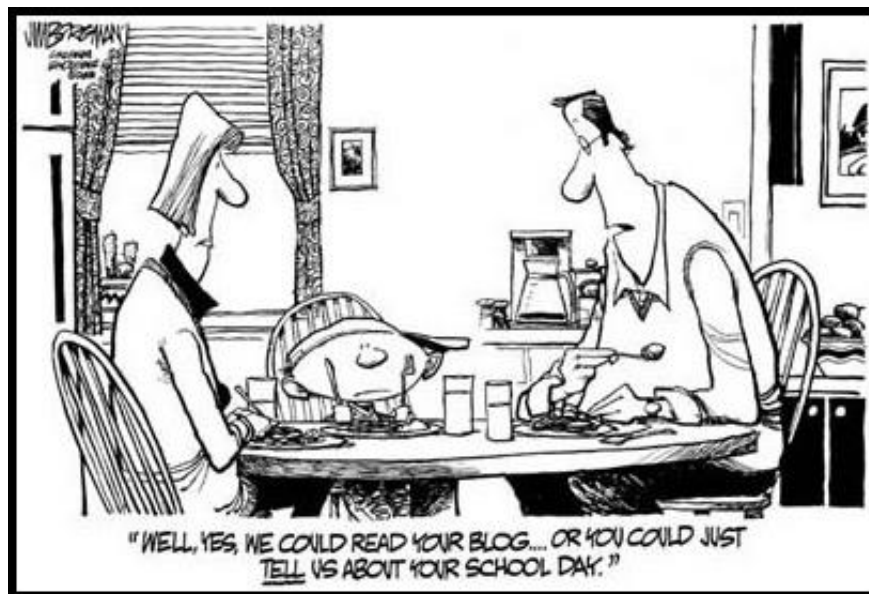
- Within 7 days of a new post, you need to read the posts and comment on at least 2 posts.
- Comments should be at least 3 sentences.
- Comments should be your reaction to the post: what you learn from it, what did it make you think/feel, do you agree or disagree and why?
- Comments are not a place for arguing. If you disagree with something that was written in a post, you can express your disagreement, but it must be done in a respectful way.
- Absolutely NO speaking badly about a person or group of people!
- You need to sign your comment with your first name and last initial.

Current Event Presentation:

- Follow the schedule provided by Ms. Lisa to know when you need to present.
- Before your presentation day, research a current event happening somewhere in the world. Read about the event in a reliable news media source. The event can be anything that is of interest to you, as long as it has happened within 7 days of your presentation.
- Summarize the event (do not just read to us!) to the class. Make sure we thoroughly understand the event.
- Share your thoughts/feelings about this event.
- Summary and personal thoughts should take 2-3 minutes.
- Lead the class discussion (about 3 minutes) about your topic.

Freerice.com

- Create an account on www.freerice.com. (Your username must be your real name.)
- Spend at least 30 minutes EACH WEEK doing quizzes on the website. You can do any subject.
- Once a week, print a screen shot showing your current total of rice donated. Turn in page to Ms. Lisa, with your name and date on the page.



In the space below, please answer the essential questions in your own words: