Film as Literature
Mrs. Ragazzo
Week of – Weds. 5/6 and Thurs. 5/7

Hello Film students:

I hope everyone is doing well and staying safe during the COVID-19 quarantine period. At this point, we have approximately two weeks until school is officially done. So if you are continuing to work on assignments for extra credit, now is the time to be finishing them and emailing them to me.

As a reminder, I am going to freeze your grade at the Spring Break mark, since that is the last time we met as a class. Any and all work that you turn into me will be marked as an extra credit grade. This extra credit will be added to your grade that is on freeze at the end of the semester to count as your final grade. Therefore, you can only improve your grade during this online schooling time, not hurt your grade. I would love to see you all continue with the assignments I am putting on the website each week, whether you need to improve your grade or not. Please make the effort so that you are continuing to learn the material we have been covering this semester.

I am changing the final due date for all work to 5/13-5/14. This gives you an extra week to get work turned in to me. Please make sure you turn in all work on or before those dates. Remember, as middle school and high school students, your grades at LEAP count toward your GPA for the year. I will check in with you weekly to see how your progress is going. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the assignment, you can email me at linda.ragazzo@thompsonschools.org.

1. This week you should be working on your last movie of the semester. This will be the last movie for you to watch and on which to complete an assignment. Remember, your choices are, Historical, Fantasy, Drama, Si-Fi, Documentary, Horror, Thriller/Action, Faith based/Family, Comedy, or Classics. If you do not have access to watch movies via Netflix, Amazon Prime, etc., you can choose movies you may have in your personal/family collection, or you may choose from TV shows.

2. Once you choose your movie to watch, take a moment to look up information about the movie (if you have access to the internet). Also, take your time watching it. I want you to keep a movie journal. Stop the movie at ½ hour breaks to write your thoughts about the movie in your journal. This will help you do your assignment about the movie each week. Keep track of the characters and their character traits, themes within the movie, conflicts that we have talked about
in class (man vs man, man vs self, man vs nature, etc.), as well as anything else that stands out to you about the movie.

4. ASSIGNMENT:
This will be your last movie assignment. For your last movie, I want you to choose 2-3 themes that you feel are represented in the movie. Write one paragraph for each describing the theme and its importance to the movie. Remember that a paragraph should be at least 7-8 sentences in length. Please identify the title and type of genre of your movie in your document. This assignment is worth 30 points in total. If you already started this assignment last week, you are in good shape and continue to work on it until it is due.

5. To turn work into me you can either use Google Docs and share it to my email address, or you can create a PDF file of your document and email it to me.

I will check in with you next week to see how your assignment progress is going. Thank you all for being patient with this new type of learning right now. I have confidence that you will all do very well.