Final Assessment: Movie Maker

Sense and Sensibility

By Jane Austen

For your final analysis of the concept of passionate vs. logical decision making, you will choose one of the major characters from Sense and Sensibility and explore the nature of the decisions he or she makes in the novel and how they compare to how you would react in a similar situation. You will present your thoughts in the form of a photo/image slideshow with musical accompaniment. The purpose of using media is to encourage you to communicate ideas in various forms: using images and sounds will cause you to think differently and in more complex ways about your ideas.

To do this assignment you will first need to consider the composition of the character you choose and how this affects their decision making. How do they act? Why do they act this way, what causes them to? Think about yourself in the same way. Take time considering the differences/similarities between yourself and the character and how you function. More time spent means more valuable insight. The sticky note tracking you did of character’s actions throughout the novel will help immensely with finding information.

Once you have your ideas in place, begin looking for images, physical objects, words, quotes from the novel, music and lyrics which support and articulate your ideas. Collect these images and sounds or a USB drive in preparation for crafting the movie. I will provide instruction and resources in class for you to create the digital movie.

After the movie is finished you will complete 2-3 page explanation of your presentation that provides a rationale for your choices. Explain your thoughts and conclusions, your analysis, and comparisons/contrasts. Explain why you chose what you did and how it visually represents/relates to your ideas. What do these images represent? Out of the millions of images why choose these? Why did you choose this music? What does it portray and how does it portray that? Why did you order everything as you did? Explaining your thinking will help me avoid any misinterpretations of your project.

I will grade your project by looking at the ideas your movie communicates through the images and sounds. Your writing will help me understand this better. I am also interested in the effort you put in to the project which will be evident by your careful selection of images, music, and quotes.

Alarie Gifford (Adapted from Ostenson), BYU, 2009
Rubric

Sense and Sensibility

By Jane Austen


Content / 50

- Images chosen are appropriate for character and their decision making
- Images chosen are appropriate for yourself and your decision making
- Movie shows careful thought and reflection about the characteristics
- Music chosen is appropriate either in musical style or lyrics for the slideshow

Presentation / 25

- Images are clear and sharp, pixilated images are avoided wherever possible
- Transitions convey meaning and are well chosen for the movie
- Pacing shows attention to which images are important and also how music can impact images

Write-up / 25

- Fits the requirements (2-3 pages, double-spaced)
- Discusses important choices made in image, music, and quotation selection
- Gives clear and legitimate reasoning for choices made

Total Score / 100

Alarie Gifford (Adapted from Ostenson), BYU, 2009