

## **A Level Media transition work**

### **Activity 1:**

Using a film of your choice, write a review covering the following:

- What is the narrative for the film?
- What genre is the film and how do you know?
- Discuss four 'stand out' moments of cinematography in the film
- What are your criticisms of the film?
- Choose one character within the film and explain their role and how they are represented.

### **Activity 2:**

Using the wider reading list below, bring notes of having engaged with one or more of the products below. You may choose whether that is a book, website or Youtube channel.

## **WIDER READING**

As sixth form students it is essential that you develop your independent learning skills and carry out wider reading around your subject.

Here is a list of books and websites which will help you prepare for the theoretical aspect of the Media Production course:

- Media Theory for A Level: The Essential Revision Guide by Mark Dixon
- Media, Gender and Identity by David Gauntlett
- Feminism is for Everybody by bell hooks
- Feminist Media Studies by Liesbet van Zoonen
- Gender Trouble by Judith Butler
- After Empire by Paul Gilroy
- There Ain't No Black In The Union Jack by Paul Gilroy
- Media Regulation by Lunt and Livingstone
- Here Comes Everybody by Clay Shirky
- Cognitive Surplus: Creativity and Generosity in a Connected Age by Clay Shirky
- Representation: Cultural Representations and Signifying Practices Edited by Stuart Hall

- Power without Responsibility: Press, Broadcasting and the Internet in Britain by James Curran
- The Cultural Industries by David Hesmondhalgh
- Convergence Culture: Where Old and New Media Collide by Henry Jenkins

**WEBSITES:**

The Media Guardian: <https://www.theguardian.com/uk/media>

EMC's Media Magazine: <https://www.englishandmedia.co.uk/media-magazine> (well worth subscribing to)

British Film Institute: <http://www.bfi.org.uk/>

University Guide to Media courses: <https://www.topuniversities.com/courses/communication/mediastudies/guide>

**YOUTUBE:**

The Media Insider [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCGXfqzVEZr0XaZLWG3\\_HniA](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCGXfqzVEZr0XaZLWG3_HniA)

Mrs Fisher <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCUKrxp4BcJrGLzmqAhCjASg>

Media Literacy Crash Course <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AD7N-1Mj-DU> (well worth watching these videos before the course starts)