

# CRITICAL REFLECTION:

## BEST MOTION PICTURE



What is the assignment?

You will write a 5-7 page (1600 word minimum) paper that is based on your **researched** opinion of whether or not a movie should have been named to the best motion picture list.

### Steps for success:

Pre-research-develop your own criteria for the award. Make a list.

1. Primary Research:

Watch the movie from your assigned year

Watch the other nominated movies for the that year(or read reviews of them), so you can compare and contrast the winner from the nominations

2. Secondary Research (at least five secondary sources)

Find **professional** reviews of the winning film and the nominees

**Questions to think about while doing your research:**

What was the public opinion of this movie?

Was it a success at the box office?

Did it receive other awards (MTV, Golden Globe, People's choice, etc.)?

Look at the best motion picture list

Are there patterns?

Does a certain type of movie (genre) seem to always win?

Find the criteria for winning the best motion picture award

How is this award determined and by whom?

3. What is your opinion?

Do you think this movie deserved to win?

Why or why not?

### Things to consider when forming an opinion:

After watching the movie, why do you think it won the award?

Does the movie comment on the time period?

Is the acting superb?

**Arguments of logos:** Did it sell a lot of tickets at the box office or receive various good reviews?

**Arguments of ethos:** What factors might have swayed the vote? Who was in the movie? Who directed it? What genre?

**Arguments of pathos:** Was the voting fair? Who were the voters?

