

# Threshold concepts & Information & literacy

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## Sample Learning Activity: Movies Views & Reviews

### Assignment Goals

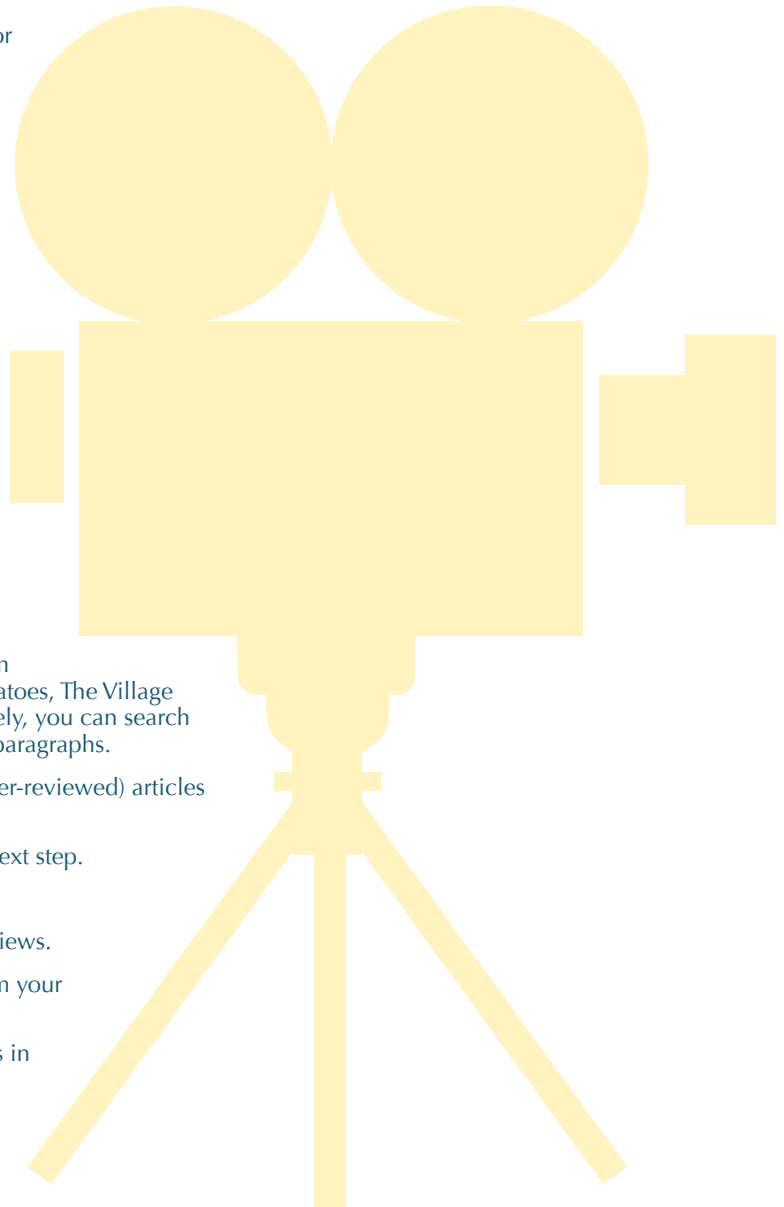
1. You will practice searching the web and library databases for both popular and scholarly articles about the same topic.
2. You will evaluate your sources based on a set of established criteria.
3. You will understand and articulate the difference between a popular and a scholarly source in this context.

### Threshold Concepts

- Format
- Authority

### Instructions

1. Choose a movie. It should be an acclaimed or classic movie such as *Apocalypse Now*, *The Breakfast Club*, *Casablanca*, *Citizen Kane*, *The Godfather*, *Shawshank Redemption* and so on.
2. Search Google for a movie review in the popular press, from sources such as *New York Times*, *Rolling Stone*, *Rotten Tomatoes*, *The Village Voice* or a trusted local source of movie reviews. Alternatively, you can search Lexis-Nexis. Find a good long movie review, at least a few paragraphs.
3. Search the MLA International Bibliography for scholarly (peer-reviewed) articles about your movie.
4. Read the Evaluation Chart below before moving on to the next step.
5. Read each article and fill in the Evaluation Chart.
6. Write a paragraph comparing and contrasting these two reviews.
  - Use the evidence you have gathered in the chart to inform your writing.
  - You may want to consider the purpose of the publications in which these reviews were published.
  - Remember, there is no right or wrong answer. Your answer should consider the context and your purposes in using the reviews. You will be evaluated on your ability to use the available evidence to form a cogent argument to back up your position.



# Evaluation Chart

Title of your movie: \_\_\_\_\_

	Popular Review	Scholarly Review
Where was your review published?		
Who wrote the review? Do they have a university affiliation or are they a journalist or something else?		
Who is this review written for?		
What kinds of differences are there in the style of language used in each review?		
Does the review cite sources?		
How might you use a review like this?		

