

Film Blog Post #1
***Zombieland* (Dir. Fleischer, 2009)**

It's time to start blogging!

Today, we're going to screen the first half hour or so of 2009's *Zombieland*, starring Jesse Eisenberg, Woody Harrelson, and Emma Stone. You're going to finish screening the film on your own time between now and Thursday's class: it's widely available online and in video stores.

Part of *Zombieland*'s success at the box office stemmed from its satirical take on the zombie film tradition; hence, that's why we're starting with this particular film. In the space provided on this sheet, start taking notes on the "tropes" or conventions of zombie films that this film explores and parodies. In other words, where, how, and in what ways does the film satirize or mess around with various elements of the zombie mythology?

Second, reflect on what you've read thus far in *The Book of the Dead* (Russell). To what extent does *Zombieland* participate in the Caribbean/Haitian zombie legends? What connections can you make?

Third, using your notes from today's class, spend some time drafting a blog post in which you (1) introduce yourself (and your blog) to the world and to the rest of the class; (2) address the above questions in 2-3 paragraphs, and (3) post any questions you have about *Zombieland* and the zombie tradition. Bonus points if you can make connections between our readings and the film!

Blog posts are due by **11:30pm EDT on W, 8/31**. Also, make sure that you have added your blog URL/link to the Pages tab. Click Pages => "View all Pages" => Film Blogs and simply type in your info. Blog posts should be between 250 and 350 words.