

ENG-L 295: American Film Culture (Fall 2016)**Instructor: Dr. Paul Cook****Group Presentations (20%)**

Each group (A, B, C, and D) will develop a 20-25 minute group presentation on one zombie film that we're not going to screen in class (see the syllabus for specifics). This is your opportunity to screen sections of a film for the rest of the class and connect its treatment of zombies and the concept/figure of the zombie to our ongoing discussions in class and to the other films we're studying this semester. You're free to develop your presentations in whatever format your group thinks most appropriate, but each presentation should contain the following three key components:

- 1.) since you won't be able to show the entire film (unless it's an unusually short film), you will need to give some sort of brief plot synopsis;
- 2.) provide a one-page (front and back is fine) handout so that we can follow along with your presentation and take something home with us for future reference and research;
- 3.) make a case for how your film (or films) explores one or more of the larger course themes we're exploring this semester.

Please remember that you *must* clear your choice of film(s) with me beforehand, so give yourselves plenty of time to think about and reflect on your choice. I highly recommend setting up a group screening somewhere on campus a few weeks before your presentation; if this isn't possible, you might consider sharing a Netflix account so that everyone in the group can screen the film on their home computers. Alternatively, several of these films can be found in the IU Kokomo library, and most (but not all) can be rented rather cheaply at one of the video stores in town. You might rent a film for five nights and swap it around. In any case, it is imperative that everyone in the group has seen the film at least once prior to your group presentation. I will give you some time in class to meet and work on your projects, but you will need to arrange to meet outside of class or in virtual space, too.

Group A (R, 9/22)	Group B (R, 10/06)	Group C (R, 11/01)	Group D (T, 11/29)