End Stage 5 English student work sample – Grade C

Remember The Titans Review

Remember The Titans was set in West Virginia USA. It is a movie based on a true story and was set in 1971. It is an obvious pop culture film and even includes some youth culture. The movie was directed by Boaz Yakin.

Remember The Titans is seen through the eyes of the school football team. In suburban Virginia the black and white races had been segregated for generations. One black and white high school are closed and the students were sent to T.C Williams high to integrate.

The main characters of the film are: Gerry Berrier played by Ryan Hurst, Coach Boone played by Denzel Washington and Blue Stanton by Earl Poitier.

This film has elements of pop culture that appeal to the audience such as racism, music and football. Many people have experienced or heard of racism and can relate this to the movie. The football relates to people as it's more a tradition to many different countries and cultures. Music is enjoyed widely throughout the world and remember The Titans plays a various amount of songs throughout it's duration.

To add to the movie's appeal is the appropriate costumes and the age of the characters.

The producers and directors use a variety of film...
Techniques such as camera angles. The use of different camera angles gives the story more emotion and action. To demonstrate this they use close-ups, long shots, and panning.

The music chosen for each particular scene suited the storyline and entertained the audience more by giving it that something extra.

I enjoyed Remember The Titans and believe it was an entertaining movie everyone could relate to. I enjoyed the music throughout the movie, and it was always full of action. Both the popular culture and the youth culture I could relate to. The youth culture was the cast that were played by teenagers. Not only did I like these elements in the film but the storyline was also interesting. I believe that Remember The Titans is so successful for its ability to be able to relate to such a majority of people and to get such an emotional reaction from viewers.

In saying I liked the way the music suited the scenes. An example of this is when the Titans played football, happy and up-beat songs were played.

Overall, Remember The Titans in my opinion was an excellent movie and had a great storyline.

Grade Commentary

Ashley has demonstrated an adequate level of competence in composing a film review. Most of the required elements have been included but there is little flair in the use of language, and the structure is disjointed. The introduction is competent and an appropriate tone has been used. There is sound analysis of some cinematic techniques but a need for stronger use of examples to support the views presented.

Ashley’s response demonstrates characteristics of work typically produced by a student performing at grade C standard at the end of Stage 5.