

TDGE 11 Spring Quarter 2018

Response Paper #3 Prompt: Reconsidering Queer Performance

***DUE WEDNESDAY, MAY 30TH AT 11:59PM VIA TRITONED

Your understanding of queer performance has hopefully grown over the past 5-7 weeks. This response paper focuses on the ways in which a second viewing of early course material can deepen understanding. **Choose one** of the following films: *But I'm a Cheerleader*, *Rocky Horror Picture Show* or *Angels in America Part 1* (the portion we watched in class). Rewatch the film and write about it with a deeper understanding. Write a 700-1000 word response. Use the course's guiding questions and any other themes and topics focused on in lecture.

Make connections between the film and other course material. This includes: films, short films, webseries, music videos which we have watched, readings assigned and readings in the Additional Readings folder and LGBTQ+ Basics folder, the film you watched for paper #1 and the play you read for paper #2. Discuss the film in relation to compulsory heterosexuality, camp, intersectionality, gender binary, queer temporality, and/or disidentification.

I encourage you to come to office hours or email me (kraphael@ucsd.edu) to discuss your analysis as you form your paper.

Does and Don'ts:

1. Do have a creative title for your paper.
2. Do have a thesis - doesn't have to be 1 sentence.
3. Don't include a plot summary. Assume the reader has watched the film. Include plot details and scene descriptions only as supporting material for larger claims.
4. Don't regurgitate lecture notes. This paper should focus on your own ideas sparked by lecture.
5. Don't write a research paper. You may do research and bring outside sources if you find that helpful, but this should not be a focus of your response paper.
6. Do not write a 5 paragraph essay. Paragraphs are an important way of organizing arguments but a 5 paragraph essay is an artificial high school format.
7. Provide specific examples and describe specific scenes in detail in order to support your analysis.
8. Use proper citations in your paper.