

Vertigo Reader Response

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Prompt- Judy Barton is an interesting character in the film *Vertigo*. Once Hitchcock reveals to the audience the intricate plot she took part in for Gavin Elster to murder his own wife, she becomes a character that many people who watch the film have mixed feelings about. Some people who watch this film feel she is a product of her time: a woman who is manipulated by Gavin Elster, then Scotty when he tries to re-make her into Madeline Elster. Some feel that she is a co-conspirator in a murder plot who gets what she deserves in the end of the film.

Does Judy Barton get what she deserves? Is justice done for this character? Please take a stand on this issue and use specific examples from the film to support your point of view. Be sure to address the counterargument in the second half of the body paragraph. Be sure to also offer a rebuttal for the counterargument.

Reader Response Instructions

Essentially, you will be writing a 3-paragraph essay. You should have an introduction, body paragraph, and a conclusion. These reader responses will have the same exact rules as our formal essays. They will all take the form of an argument where you will have to take a stance and support that stance with quotes from the text. If you are writing this for a film, use specific examples from the film as your evidence. **No need for quotes.**

These will be worth 100 points each. The intro and conclusion are worth 25 points. The body paragraph is worth 50. I will be grading these responses with the rubric that I provided for you on my website. It breaks down exactly how I assign points for these responses.

Intro- Start with an attention getter, start broad in your background information. BRIEFLY summarize the story, introduce the title and director, and introduce the conflict. State your stance on the topic in your thesis. Thesis should be an open thesis, not a closed (ABC) thesis.

Body Paragraph- Your topic sentence will be more specific and hint at the support for your stance that your paragraph will support. **Be sure to respond to the counterargument in the second half of your body paragraph, and make sure to write a rebuttal for the counterargument. Be sure to watch Mr. Fannon's instructional video on how to write the paragraph for this assignment if you were absent in class the day he explained the prompt.**

Conclusion- Revisit your thesis, summarize your main points, and be sure to relate to the big picture.