

**HUM 250**  
**Avenging the Universe: An Introduction to Environmental Humanities & Comics**  
*Aquaman Film Review Assignment*

**Due Date:** TBA

**Assignment Length:** 4-6 pages (Double-Spaced Times New Roman, 12pt Font)

***To be submitted as an Online Assignment on Canvas***

Film is a part of collective and individual history as well as imagination. It is a source that can be analyzed and interpreted. This week, you were introduced to the origins of Environmental Film as a genre and its role in projecting nature. Your task is to view the film *Aquaman* and to write an analysis connecting the film to issues and themes discussed in this class. In the process, you will interpret the film's meaning and its use of comics.

Your analysis should examine:

1. Issues raised by the film
2. Address the film's purpose
3. Analyze the content of the film, and connect it to ideas and comic/graphic art material presented in class.

Your response should include the following details (in any order you choose).

- Describe the film in general terms. What subjects does it cover?
- Describe the plot and setting. What issues does it raise?
- What do you see as the main purpose of the film?
- What are the major theme(s) of the film?
- Evaluate the film. What role does comics play in the film? Does the movie stay true to its comic origins?
- Are there any techniques such as stereotypes, symbolism, character development and foreshadowing used?
- Is the film historically (or factually) accurate and realistic? Does it contradict or support anything you have learned?

Be sure to connect the film to class readings and lecture notes using at least 3 citations.<sup>1</sup> A few examples of themes we discussed in class include: anthropomorphism, climate change, the anthropocene, race, gender, sexuality, multi-layered identities, national identity, geographic boundaries, migration, language, protest, and resistance. You are most welcome to include your own examples.

For this assignment, I will ask you not to use any research or source materials apart from those assigned/presented in the class. The goal (and challenge) of the assignment is to develop a clear and coherent opinion based on your own interpretation!

**Your review is due by:**

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<sup>1</sup> Information related to citations can be found on Page 2.

**Citations:** All paper citations should be done using the Chicago Manual of Style format. If you are unfamiliar with this style, please consult the citation guides on the library web page at: <https://libguides.sdsu.edu/HowToCite/ChicagoTurabian>.

**Please use footnotes and *not* endnotes or in-text citations.** Footnotes should be 10 pt font and single spaced.

**Consider me a resource, please contact me with any questions or concerns in advance of the deadline.**