**Media Studies: Summer Homework**

**Component 1**

Ideally for each heading below you will have chosen at least a couple of examples and considered layout, purpose, representation etc and be ready to discuss.

**TASK ONE: Newspapers**

Read a ‘quality’ broadsheet newspaper like ‘The Guardian’ or ‘The Times’ and a tabloid such as ‘The Daily Mirror’. What are the key differences between the two? Consider: layout, style, type of writing, length of articles, headlines, image selection. Make clear notes.

**TASK TWO: Advertising**

Look at a range of adverts both on television and print and consider how the products are being ‘sold’. Is the audience positioned to feel a certain way? Be ready to speak about your favourites! Make notes.

**TASK THREE: Music Videos**

Watch a selection of Music Videos; these can be from any genre but try to include a mix. How is the artist promoted? How does the artist establish his/her/their identity? Do the videos follow a narrative structure or not? What are the differences between male and female artists’ music videos? Make clear notes.

**TASK FOUR: Radio**

It might not be what you’re used to but listen to some ‘talk radio’. Radio 4 is your best option. ‘Woman’s Hour’ is our set text so this would be a good starting place. Try to listen to at least one (treat it like a podcast!).

**TASK FIVE: Video Games**

This is now one of the world’s biggest and most profitable media industries. If you play them, what makes them so enjoyable? Look at YouTube channels dedicated to them. Consider the different types etc. Do you think some video games promote violence for the players of the game to mimic? Write down your ideas.

**TASK SIX: Film**

‘Black Panther’ is one of our set texts. Ideally, watch it on Disney+ (if you have it) or buy yourself a copy as it is a ‘set text’ at [https://www.amazon.co.uk/Black-Panther-DVD-Chadwick-Boseman/dp/B079QJ2N89/ref=sr\_1\_3?dchild=1&keywords=black+panther+dvd&qid=1591097795&sr=8-3](https://www.amazon.co.uk/Black-Panther-DVD-Chadwick-Boseman/dp/B079QJ2N89/ref%3Dsr_1_3?dchild=1&keywords=black+panther+dvd&qid=1591097795&sr=8-3) .

Watch other Marvel films, too, to see how ‘Black Panther’ fits into the Marvel Universe; what are the key differences between ‘Black Panther’ and other Marvel Films? Make notes on this.

**Component 2**

**Television and Film**

**TASK ONE- 30 MINS:** Science Fiction/Dystopian Genre- watch the following YouTube videos and make a list of science fiction genre conventions.

E.g. genre convention- robots gain a sense of consciousness

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AcgwfsBbkpA&feature=youtu.be>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JI9lVkJdif4&feature=youtu.be>

**TASK TWO-4 hours:** Choose two of the following texts and watch them. If it is a film, you should watch it in full. If it is a television series, you should watch at least two episodes. Make a list of the science fiction genre conventions that you see.

FILM- Blade Runner- 1982- 1hr 57 mins- £3.49 to rent on YouTube

FILM- The Stepford Wives- 2004- 1hr 32mins- Netflix

FILM- I, Robot- 2004- 1hr 54 mins- £3.49 to rent on YouTube

FILM- Black Mirror Bandersnatch-2018- 1hr 30mins- Netflix

TELEVISION SERIES- Orphan Black- Netflix

TELEVISION SERIES-Years and Years- free-BBC IPlayer

TELEVISION SERIES -DEVS- free-BBC iPlayer

TELEVISION SERIES- Life on Mars- free- BBC iPlayer

**TASK THREE- 20 minutes Zombie/Supernatural Dramas:** watch the following YouTube videos and make a list of zombie drama genre conventions.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FWaRhTUmkZE>

NB: A little gory https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YxTe1OJXICw

E.g. genre convention- zombies are typically flesh eating

**TASK FOUR-4 hours:** Choose two of the following texts and watch them. If it is a film, you should watch it in full. If it is a television series, you should watch at least two episodes. Make a list of the zombie/supernatural genre conventions that you see.

FILM- WARM BODIES- 2013- 1hr 33-Netflix

FILM-World War Z- 2013- 1hr 56- £2.49- YouTube

FILM- 28 Days Later- 2002- 1hr 53- £3.49 YouTube

TELEVISION SERIES- The Walking Dead- Amazon Prime

TELEVISION SERIES- iZombie- Netflix

TELEVISION SERIES- Buffy The Vampire Slayer- free- All 4 Player

TELEVISION SERIES- Dracula-free- BBC IPlayer

**Online Media- Vloggers**

**TASK ONE- 10 minutes:** Make a list of stereotypes associated with men and women. E.g. Women are domestic and men are hero figures.

**TASK TWO- 1 hour:** Access the YouTube page for vlogger Alfie Deyes <https://www.youtube.com/user/PointlessBlogTv>

Watch at least TWO of his vlog posts and make notes on gender representations. Does he reinforce stereotypes about gender?

**TASK THREE- 1 hour:** Access the YouTube page for vlogger Patricia Bright <https://www.youtube.com/user/BritPopPrincess>

Watch at least TWO of her vlog posts and make notes on gender representations. Does she reinforce stereotypes about gender?

**And finally…**

**Make a note of any interesting Media texts that you encounter in the summer. It might be an interesting film, television programme, podcast or newspaper front page. Be prepared to discuss in September. The TGS Media teachers are always looking for new recommendations!**