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Assignment 2 part 1

“House Crawl”

House Crawl is a comedy taking place in the spring time at a local University in west Michigan. A group of teens decide to be a part of the annual house crawl, where students gather up in a big crowd moving from house to house, getting as drunk as possible trying to survive the day.

Truly, the theme of my story is about survival. It’s not the type of survival where you’re stuck on a deserted island or anything where you’re in fear of your life. It’s about consuming alcohol way over the limit and trying to make it to the last house party while still functioning. In order to survive this epic journey; you must not pass out, stop drinking after vomiting and doing your best not getting arrested or getting an MIP (Minor In Possession). If any of this happens, the person will fail to finish house crawl and must buy their buddies alcohol for the party that following night.

Without a doubt, the characters in this story run into quite a few conflicts. The characters must consume alcohol way more than they usually do and try their best to main conscious throughout a long day of drinking. While taking in so much alcohol it is kind of hard not to vomit. So the young men must do all they can to hold it in and try not to think about it. If they do puke up a lung then they must force themselves to keep the party going by drinking more. They might not be able to drink a lot more, but just enough to stay away from being sober in the day. Also when the characters are stumbling around campus; they need to avoid as many cops as possible. Most of them are under age just like the majority of the students around them. If one of them gets busted then the show will be over for that individual.

My antagonist in the story I believe it is the characters themselves going against alcohol; a drink that counteracts the effects of another drink. There is a saying that goes “Beer before liquor, never been sicker. Liquor before beer, you’re in the clear.” Also mixing your drinks can be bad for your stomach if you do it a lot in one sitting. Your mix drinks can taste very good or very bad. The bad way that may upset your stomach is tossing a little liquor in your beer bongs in order to get trashed faster. The characters struggle against their adversary, being alcohol.

My key plot points are running into a situation with the law. The situation is so big that it ends house crawl for the rest of the day and maybe even the following year. At the last house the party it is so big that people take over a four way intersection. One of the characters causes a riot and with bottles being thrown at windows, fights breaking out, and noise getting louder. The law enforcement must put on their riot gear and begin to start tear gassing the area. Most people begin to scatter while others get even more angry.

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Paper #1

Carnage

The first movie I watched that was recommended to me was *Carnage*. In most ways to me *Carnage* differed from my film. There was a lot of discussion between two sets of parents about their children getting into a fight and how they need to resolve the problem. As their meeting went on, things got a little heated between the parents themselves. They didn’t agree on certain aspects on solving the conflict with their sons and somehow got into it with each other from their bad attitudes. It was as if it was a big argument throughout the whole movie, but very amusing.

As the film went on some of the story related to mine. This is what normally happens with adults after they either had a long tiring day at work or get into a big fight like the parents did in *Carnage*. They have an alcoholic drink or two to relax them. On the other hand, yes the parents wanted to relax a bit while they were fighting because they were all tense, but after a few more they seemed to be more loose and truthful. In my story the characters are young adults working and going to school all week that wares them down. So on the weekends they get drunk, party and really get loose to enjoy themselves. The two dads were enjoying themselves watching their “drunk,” wives argue because they deal with it all the time at home, so they relate and can share how exhausting it is to have that in their lives.

Without a doubt, one of the moms in *Carnage* relates to one of the rules in my story. Somehow, the mom feels very nauseous and starts to vomit during the beginning of the movie. As time goes on she starts drinking the Scotch as well. Then pukes again, but keeps drinking. Now in my film/story one of the notes is if you puke during the day of drinking then you have to keep drinking or you fail. So she followed the rule very well.

Some things in the movie were similar and most were not, but overall it was a great and funny movie. Alcohol was the main thing I think that related the most because in my story there is a lot consumed in it. I did enjoy the movie and I would recommend it to others.

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Paper #2

Project X

The second movie that was recommended to me was *Project X*. Now I think 100% that this is the closes movie that relates to my story. It’s filled with young adults, tons of booze, and a huge out of control party. Four friends throw a huge birthday party and while the word spreads around quickly the party becomes out of control. The characters want to have a great time being really drunk and being at the biggest party on the block and maybe even in the town. As the movie gets half way through the party that the boys threw is mayhem. Inside and outside of the house is totally full. Everyone is loud as can be and stuff is getting destroyed all over.

Truly, there are few differences regarding *Project X* and *House Crawl*. *House Crawl* has multiple parties and houses to go to, where *Project X* is just one party at one house. They do both get out of control and both of the parties end in a wild way. At the last house of *House Crawl,* the whole yard and the four way intersection is full of very intoxicated college students that will not leave because they are having too great of a time; so great that one of the characters throws a bottle at a cop car and the chaos begins. In order to stop all this, the cops in their riot gear begin to throw tear gas into the crowd to end the crawl/party. In *Project X* the party ends in a more terrifying wild way. A pissed off drug dealer returns to the young boy’s party with a flamethrower and burns half of the neighborhood. This when the cops role up take down the dealer and disperse everyone from the party by using mega phones and flash bang grenades.

So yes both party endings are different but also similar. My characters and the characters in *Project X* I would are similar from how they all act, but how they look are different, the *Project X* main characters are pretty nerdy and that is why they want to throw a party to make a name for themselves. The *House Crawl* characters average looking and don’t care about thing about themselves. Both movies with these characters would get along very well though.

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Paper 3

Animal House

The third movie I watched that was recommended to me was *Animal House*. This film was also a great similarity to my story and *Project X* as well. When you watch *Animal House* it’s not only funny, it’s also very destructively funny. Beer bottles thrown everywhere, car crashes, broken windows, and especially parades being ruined. Basically, trash is everywhere. This relates to my story because without a doubt when there is a huge party full of college students, then there is going to be a large amount of litter. Specially, in my story when a large amount of people move from house to house partying, their asses off, it seems to get a bit messy. In Animal House no one really reacts to the mess around them or bothered by it in any way. It’s because they don’t care and everyone wants to keep having a good time. The two biggest things that are similar to my story that it’s a college atmosphere and it shows that you drink a lot in college. This relates by my story in the same exact way *Animal House* is with a college drinking atmosphere.

*Animal House* doesn’t really fail to a caparison to my film. There is a great amount of visual information that’s shows how it all can relate in all the same way. The two really different things that I notice was of course not partying from house to house (which is would be the same for every movie I’ll watch) and the ending of how all the chaos stopped. During when the Deltas were ruining the parade everyone was starting to flee, but the cops were trying to get the trouble makers out the most. (The Deltas)

Most of all the characters in *Animal House* have a great relation to my characters in *House Crawl*. They always want to have a great time and always have a mind set to drink while having a great and wild time in college. Also looks and style are a key relation to both stories. There is a fat guy, relationship guy, outrageously drunk guy, cool guy, and a handsome guy that get all the girls. Characters always have a different style in a movie, but they some how all relate in the same way.

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Paper 4

Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas

The fourth movie I watched that was recommended to me was *Fear and Loathing in* Las Vegas. The movie was hilarious and very psychedelic! It was surprisingly similar to my story, but just in a different way. Instead of binge drinking the entire time, it was constant drug taking throughout the movie. These two characters (Duke and Dr. Gonzo) experiment with a whole verity of drugs in one weekend to test their limits. Same goes for the characters in *House crawl*, but instead of experimenting with drugs they decide to experiment with all different kinds of beer and liquor. These young college students wanted to see how much alcohol they could consume and still be able to function throughout the day. Duke and Gonzo of course reacted to the drugs they took in a totally different way alcohol would. Mostly the acid did. The hallucinations effected their site, speech and mind. They saw objects moving in ways they shouldn’t and lights more colorful than usual. One of the drugs that made them look like they were drunk was the Devil Ether. You would lose all motor skills and mumble your words quite a bit. The people around them just thought they were normal drunk citizens roaming into the night of Las Vegas. Another similar thing between each of the stories is that they had trouble remembering what they have done hours before they regained consciousness. Specially, the amount of alcohol you consume and the amount of drugs you take.

I wouldn’t necessarily compare the characters from each story. They are not really similar to each other. The only thing I thought that was similar was how brave and eager they were to take the amount of drugs they were going to do. Instead of the drugs the *House Crawl* characters were excited to drink as much as they can and they also know that they wouldn’t be alone. They wouldn’t be the only ones intoxicated.

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Paper 5

Who’s Afraid of Virginia Woolf?

The fifth movie I watch that was recommended to me was *Who’s Afraid of Virginia Woolf?* I was a bit lost from the story of this film. There was a lot of arguing and a lot of drinking. The two main characters (Martha and George) were angry at each other and of course it bounces off to the other couple. When they all kept drinking a lot of stories and the truth came out more. The whole movie reminded me of the previous movie that was assigned to me called Carnage. It seemed like an old version of it and even one of the wives threw up vomit and kept drinking still. The story of the film wasn’t similar to my story, but the amount of liquor consumed and for how long they drank for, related very well. The couples were already a bit lit when they all got together. I believe they were drinking since 9pm and ended at dawn, which is quite a long night of drinking. This relates *to House Crawl* because the characters drink all day from 10am-4pm.

The four characters do not really compare to the characters in my story, except for one. It was the young wife named, Honey. When Honey was drinking her brandy, she acted like a normal person who act if they drank a lot. She was very loopy, slurring her words around, and was up for anything that intrigued her mind; much like my characters and others in life when drinking alcohol. When Martha asked her if she wanted to go dancing, Honey was excited and ready to boogie. It was even on their way home getting dropped off from George and Martha; I think it was around 3 or 3:30am.

Furthermore, *Who’s Afraid of Virginia Woolf* was an “Okay,” movie for me. Some classic movies are a bit slow and drag on, which doesn’t really bother me. I just didn’t get what was going on with everyone losing their minds on each other and bringing up certain subjects that didn’t relate to the story or the plot. I might have to watch it again and really pay attention of what the characters say so fast. Overall, it was a pretty good movie and yes I would recommend it to others.

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Paper 6

11:14

The sixth movie I watched that was recommended for me was called *11:14*. The story of this film is about five situations that occur and all relate at 11:14pm. This film really didn’t compare to my story at all. The only part I notice was a young man drinking and driving, while a body falls right on to his car. The reason why I chose this opening scene is because when you drink quite a bit you don’t know what will happen next. Someone can do something very embarrassing or something very stupid and dangerous. Specially, if you are driving drunk which can be a very serious issue. The differences to my story are pretty much the rest of this film. This story on *11:14* is a big cluster of unexpected crime that is one big accident. Five situations that people get into at the wrong time, which is 11:14. Situations where it’s not really anyone’s fault until they do something completely idiotic and ends up being their fault. For example, one character tries to get rid of a dead body and decides to throw it off a bridge. Once the body is throw it immediately lands on a moving car going under the bridge. Now that character is in a bad situation. Also the driver is too because a dead body landed on his car while he was drunk driving and now it seems as if he hit the person that landed on his car.

The characters in the film didn’t really relate to the characters in my story, but they all did something that was similar. Yes, each main character committed a criminal act in the movie, but they were stupid for doing that. They wanted to not get in trouble, but ended up in more trouble. In my story the characters do stupid things that get them in trouble. The amount of alcohol they drink is what triggers that stupidity in their mind to do outrageous acts they don’t mean to do. I believe alcohol can give you the courage to do things mostly not smart things, but situations that you don’t have a problem doing.

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Paper 7

Drinking Buddies

The first movie I watched that I recommended for myself was *Drinking Buddies*. This film is about two coworkers Luke and Jill that work at Revolution Brewery, who almost every night go out drinking and flirting with each other. Kate and her significant other want to take Luke and his girlfriend up to their cabin for the weekend. As the weekend goes by the couples realize that who belongs together and who doesn’t. Now this movie can relate to my story from all the beer drinking they do and also the characters themselves. In almost every scene someone is drinking a craft beer or is drunk off one. I believe the characters drink this amount is because the beer must taste great and also some of their life troubles them. One couple breaks their relationship up and the other doesn’t know when to get married in the new future. So these couples try to work things out. Some of them try to drink down and away with alcohol. These situations just remind me of *House Crawl*, by young individuals going through a hard time at school, or at work, or even with relationships during the week and their weekends are meant to get away from all that. The characters in *House Crawl* know that they have a big event coming up so why not go all out on it from all the shit that they deal with during the weekend.

I feel that Luke and Kate get along so well in *Drinking Buddies* because they are friends that actually understand each other. If you watch them it seems like they are brother and sister, but others may think they are perfect for each other. The movie makes you think back to the title saying “Hey these are just friends that like to drink together.”  *House Crawl* is the same way. These group of friends act like brothers with one another even though they are just close friends. They love drinking and getting wasted together; specially, for their big event of the weekend that they wait every year for.

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Paper 8

Beerfest

The second movie that I recommended to myself for this assignment was *Beerfest*. *Beerfest* is a perfect example connecting to my story. There’s beer, partying, competing, and friendship. A group of guys from America decide to go again other countries in beer drinking competitions. It’s like the Olympics, but instead of athletic sports games it’s drinking games. In comparison to my story, partying and drinking can lead to competitive drinking games. Such as beerpong or flip cup. In a few parts of my story I’m going have my characters play different types of drinking games that are fun and somewhat competitive like Can Jam, dizzybat, flipcup, beerpong, beerbong racing, and others. Some of the houses *at House Crawl* have games and some do not which is not a big deal because all you do is drink and be crazy. The drinking games in *Beerfest* are bit different. Play drinking games are easy and you don’t drink as much. Also I would say that college students don’t really take things seriously when it comes to those types of games. In *Beerfest*, however, consume much more alcohol and take things very seriously. If you are in a competition against other countries and are in it to win it, then of course it has to be taken seriously. (Yes, it is just a movie and a whole lot fiction is taken place.)The characters also are on a mission to defeat the greatest drinking team in the world, the Germans. In the *House Crawl* perspective the, characters are on a mission to defeat the most the longest party days out there.

I believe all the characters in each story relate and compare very well. They have a right mind set when it comes to drinking beer. Both characters are all good at drinking games from many nights and years of experience. Also the best friend aspect comes into play. Almost all of the characters grew up together and they always have a good time whenever they go or throw a big party.

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Paper 9

Dazed and Confused

The third film I recommended for this assignment was *Dazed and Confused*. I picked this film because I think it takes me and others back to the high school days with all of your friends getting away with outrageous, but fun acts. The film setting takes back to the last day of high school in the mid 70’s. High school students hanging out, pulling pranks, drinking, smoking pot, going out with friends and finding where the big party is at. I think a big part of *Dazed and Confused* compares to my story in a huge way because it’s about how the characters talk and act. It reminds me so much of how my friends and I used to act. The characters in my story are based on my friends and I. The characters in *Dazed and confused* talk in ways to make them seem, cool, funny and up for anything. The boys mostly talk about football and scoring with other girls. The females pretty much just gossip about other girls. What they all talk about is what they think their future is going to be like. I think that is always on a high school student’s mind and especially a college student’s mind.

The way all the characters act in both stories compares quite well. Both of the cast in each story act the same when young adults drink, smoke marijuana, and party. If young adults want to smoke if they’re out and about together, you either go somewhere when there is no one around or you go for a drive around the town. When you party with all your buddies and people that go to the same school with, it’s when everyone goes all out. The party has plenty of booze, full kegs, and the word spreads around for others to catch on. Both of these stories have good times and make you think about all the great times you had in either high school or college. These two stories make you feel young again. There really isn’t a difference between them. The difference I saw though was in House Crawl the parties are bigger and defiantly, more crazy. The reason why is because it’s this event comes once a year and the story takes place in a college atmosphere.

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Paper 10

The World’s End

The tenth movie I recommended for this assignment was *The World’s End*. It’s about five friends who reunite after 20 years to attempt once again their epic pub crawl that they didn’t complete when they were young and reckless. This story line is almost the exact same as mine. A group of friends trying to complete their house crawl afternoon, going from house to house being as drunk as possible making it to the final house with nothing stopping them. I believe these stories have a great relation to each other. They both have friends going on an adventure and trying to complete something fun with one another that they enjoy doing making them still feel young. The characters care about each other and they want to do fun things with each other because they can’t see themselves doing that with others.

Between the two stories there are a lot of comparisons and also differences. The characters in *The World’s End* haven’t seen each other in 20 years or have really spoken because of a big accident that happened between two characters. So they all get back together to see if they can have fun and forget the past. Once the characters are a few pubs in into their adventure; they notice something different about their home town. Eventually, they find out that the town is taken over by robots that try to convert them to their society. The characters of course refuse and end up fighting back. So this is an example of how big a difference the story is to mine, where there are no robots trying to attack humans in a local town. Also there really isn’t any beef betweens character’s in *House Crawl* then in *The World’s End*. Overall, both stories had great similarities, but also a few differences as well. Both show a lot of alcohol and a lot of bonding between the characters. The stories show how much it means to friends on how having a good time with alcohol can make the day or night turn into something that neither person would expect later on.

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Paper 11

Superbad

The eleventh movie I watch that I recommended for this assignment was *Superbad*. A story about two high school seniors trying to get alcohol for a party to make them stand out for others to take notice. Until, a simple booze run turns into an exhausting adventure with a bunch of obstacles they have to get through in order to get the booze for the party. This story I thought related to mine in a way because of the adventure they had. Trying all they can to get booze while being underage. The two characters tried to get alcohol from their buddy with a terrible fake I.D., going to strangers to get them booze and even stealing what they can get their hands on. Also even a run in with the cops was a big issue they had to get by. The underage drinking relates to my story because the main characters are all underage while consuming the alcohol. So they all would act sort of the same since they only have a few years under their belt from drinking.

The characters do not relate too much from each other from both stories. In *Superbad* the mission is to get booze and get girls drunk so the characters can score with the girls they like. In *House Crawl* the mission is to get as drunk as possible and complete the longer afternoon of partying. The characters don’t care that much to score with girls during *House Crawl* because they are just focused on drinking as much as they can while being able to hangout out with their best friends. Also these characters don’t have many hiccups while on their party adventure. The only difficult thing they have to overcome is to not pass out during the day before the party is over. No matter how outrageous the characters get, they have to remain safe and have no conflicts throughout the day. The two stories have good relations, but you can also see what the differences are, very well. It may be odd or even, but the share the same great taste in comedy.

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Paper 12

Old School

The twelfth movie I watched that I recommended for this assignment was *Old School*. This story is about three close friends that attempt to recreate their college days by opening up a fraternity on a local campus. This a bit different from my story because the three friends are in their thirties and try to create their own fraternity while still having a career. What is similar is the first big party they throw for their friend that just moved into his place on campus. Minus Snoop Dog performing at the party, the whole place is shoulder to shoulder with everyone getting drunk. This is quite related to the party in my story in a way where the party is over flowed with drunk college kids.

There is a famous scene in the movie where a character named Frank gets a little bit too wasted at the first party. This scene reminds me of one of the characters in my story for how drunk he gets, during the house crawl. Frank in *Old School* decides to do one beer bong and only just one. He ends up doing way more than that and becomes Frank “The Tank.” Frank has consumed too much alcohol and decides to go streaking through the town. This scene is quite hilarious and memorable, but it also relates to this character in my story. My character turns into a different person and is up for anything. He’ll urinate in front of everyone with his pants all the way down to his ankles and not care what people think. That’s just a little bit of what he would do in *House Crawl* when he gets intoxicated.

Most of the movies I watched for this assignment had a lot of great relations with each other and my story. There is a lot of drinking and partying with friends on college campuses, while getting away with a bunch of trouble. I guess what in almost every story in these films relate to my story is that every likes to live or relive their glory days by drinking alcohol to the point where they feel great and not afraid to do anything that pops in their mind. Most of the time of course is stupid, but hopefully not harmful to others.