

ART HISTORY 277: Art History Animation		
Fall - 2018	September 07 - October 19 (6 weeks, 36 Hours)	Mondays and Fridays
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Ayotte, Meara	Grade: A+	Attendance: 42 / 42 hours (100%)
Mid-Term Review	Assignments	
<p>Meara is a joy to have in class. She participates in discussions and writes with an interesting point of view. Meara is consistently making high marks on both her quizzes and her essays. Great work Meara!</p> <p>Review Date: 2018-10-01</p>	<p>Quiz 1: A-</p> <p>Essay 1: A+</p> <p>Quiz 2: A</p> <p>Essay 2: A+</p> <p>Quiz 3: A+</p>	
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<p>#3 - It's interesting to think on why anime has been so popular in the west, and I think you touched on this a bit in your essay, that anime brings themes that seem more taboo in western culture. I think we, in the west, feel a sense of relief and connection to these very human, mature themes! It definitely is an outlet for openness and cosplay is so much of that as well. Thanks for your very well thought-out essay! 10/10</p> <p>#4 - Great work Meara! I actually learned quite a few things from your essay. I am a fan of Star Wars, but I haven't seen everything! It's interesting the fact about Garazeb Orrelios being based on an old Chewbacca concept. It's amazing the twists and turns that happen during the development stage isn't it? Very well written and researched! 19/20</p> <p>Review Date: 2018-11-01</p>	<p>Essay #3: 10/10</p> <p>Quiz #4: 21/23</p> <p>Essay #4: 19/20</p> <p>Quiz #5: 20/21</p>	

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Bailey, Haaken	Grade: A+	Attendance: 42 / 42 hours (100%)
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<p>Haaken is a wonderful person to have in class, and is very knowledgeable in animation as it shows in his writing. He consistently receives high marks in both his essays and quizzes.</p> <p>Review Date: 2018-10-01</p>	<p>Quiz 1: A+</p> <p>Essay 1: A+</p> <p>Quiz 2: A+</p> <p>Essay 2: 9/10</p> <p>Quiz 3: A</p>	
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<p>#3 - Thank you for the very informative review for My Neighbor Totoro! I totally agree with you about the dubs. I tend to watch the subbed version, the english dub is a nightmare to listen to! It's incredible how much something as simple as sound can affect the quality and experience of watching the film. I think this is the reason so many anime fans like to learn Japanese, so that they can experience the anime as it was intended. Well written, thanks Haaken! 9/10</p> <p>#4 - It is true, very hard to say which one is better. But I think it's just because they are two versions of the same art form, and that can vary so widely that it doesn't even really matter! I'd also like to point out that, yes, while there are quite a few stinkers out there 3D animation-wise, it is also a side-effect of companies merely trying to stay afloat. While they work on their bigger, nicer, "Coco" films (we call them A Films), they need financial flow. So the lesser B Films are made just to keep from going under. It's a sad reality of how the system works, and the reason why so many studios are unsuccessful and have to shut down. That said, your essay was extremely well researched and written, I really enjoy your writing style Haaken! 20/20</p> <p>Review Date: 2018-11-01</p>	<p>Essay #3: 9/10</p> <p>Quiz #4: 22/23</p> <p>Essay #4: 20/20</p> <p>Quiz #5: 20/21</p>	

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Cromwell, Shelbie	Grade: A	Attendance: 40.5 / 42 hours (96%)
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<p>Shelbie is a keen animation fan and is wonderful to have in my class. I enjoy her enthusiasm for animation, and have loved reading her movie reviews. Well done Shelbie, thanks!</p> <p>Review Date: 2018-10-01</p>	<p>Quiz 1: A+</p> <p>Essay 1: A+</p> <p>Quiz 2: B-</p> <p>Essay 2: A+</p> <p>Quiz 3: A+</p>	
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<p>#3 - You chose my absolute favourite Ghibli film! Your experience is so familiar :) I've watched it so many times, it's definitely worth rewatching. Lots of details to uncover. One of my absolute favourite parts of the film is just a simple gesture; When Chihiro puts her shoes on in Kamaji's boiler room, and she does this little tap-tap on her toes...it's just such a neat little detail that adds so much to her character. I recommend to you Howl's Moving Castle and Ponyo, I think you will enjoy them as well. I am so glad you enjoyed Spirited Away! 9/10</p> <p>#4 - I personally am a huge fan of pixel and retro NES art and so I am super glad you chose to write about this topic! The Sonic the Hedgehog animation was one of my favourites to watch in the 90's. Super nostalgic. And it's incredible that nostalgia has created an art style! So much so that games like Minecraft are born. I also had a PS1 and all the games you mentioned were a huge nostalgia trip for me! It also makes me think of how far we've come. I remember looking at games like Shenmue, and thinking how real it looked. Looking at it now makes me laugh! Funny how our perspectives work like that isn't it? And you're absolutely right about how the gaming industry is absolutely forever linked to the animation industry forever and always. And games are an excellent "gateway drug" to creativity and art! Thanks for the great read. 19/20</p> <p>Review Date: 2018-11-01</p>	<p>Essay #3: 9/10</p> <p>Quiz #4: 19/23</p> <p>Essay #4: 19/20</p> <p>Quiz #5: 18/21</p>	

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Duncan, Sam	Grade: A+	Attendance: 42 / 42 hours (100%)
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<p>Sam is wonderful to have in class, often taking part in conversation and observations. He writes compelling movie reviews and I enjoyed watching the anime he suggested during our anime class. Thanks Sam, great work!</p> <p>Review Date: 2018-10-01</p>	<p>Quiz 1: A+</p> <p>Essay 1: A+</p> <p>Quiz 2: B+</p> <p>Essay 2: A+</p> <p>Quiz 3: A</p>	
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<p>#3 - Thank you so much for opening my eyes to Jojo! I really enjoyed watching it in class, but your essay has really been an epiphany for me. I definitely can see how big of an impact Jojo has had, especially in Japanese RPG games (which I play a lot of!), dance moves, animation poses etc. As I mentioned in class, my husband is a huge anime nerd, so when I brought up Jojo at home he was surprised I hadn't even heard of it. Frankly, I am surprised too. Your essay was extremely well researched and informed, very well done. 10/10</p> <p>#4 - What a trip down memory lane with some of these mentions! Very well researched and written, Sam. It's amazing just how much superhero content is embedded into our world and culture, isn't it? And superhero comics themselves have become a meta-media, being used over and over to tell new stories and new perspectives and new imaginings of the characters. One of my absolute favourites was the Marvel 1602 series by Neil Gaiman, and I really wish they would animate it! 20/20 on your essay!</p> <p>Review Date: 2018-11-01</p>	<p>Essay #3: 10/10</p> <p>Quiz #4: 17/23</p> <p>Essay #4: 20/20</p> <p>Quiz #5: 19/21</p>	

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Fraser, Ann	Grade: A+	Attendance: 40 / 42 hours (95%)
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<p>Ann is a joy to have in my class, often beginning discussions and making very lovely observations about the animations we have been watching. I love hearing her perspective on the musical side of animation especially. Well done Ann, thanks!</p> <p>Review Date: 2018-10-01</p>	<p>Quiz 1: A-</p> <p>Essay 1: A+</p> <p>Quiz 2: C+</p> <p>Essay 2: A+</p> <p>Quiz 3: A+</p>	
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<p>#3 - It's interesting to see how three very different films can be united in their themes, and I think you're absolutely right about how it's a reflection of Japan's response to the atomic bombings. I liked your observation of handing the reins (so to speak) to innocent children in these stories, and I see those themes in so many places in history too. Lots of fairy tales, The Chronicles of Narnia, Harry Potter, Alice in Wonderland, to name a few. Even real-life stories like the one of Anne Frank hold a similar sense to them in a way. Great job on your essay! 10/10</p> <p>#4 - What a beautiful essay! You have a very poetic writing style as well. I debated whether or not to show the Tin Toy in class because of the very reason you mentioned! I have a hard time with a lot of the earlier character designs in 3D animation because of this, even the ones in Toy Story, if I'm being honest. There is a lot of a debate among animators about this very topic so I am happy to see you writing so eloquently about it! 20/20 Great work.</p> <p>Review Date: 2018-11-01</p>	<p>Essay #3: 10/10</p> <p>Quiz #4: 16/23</p> <p>Essay #4: 20/20</p> <p>Quiz #5: 20/21</p>	

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Hargreaves, Piper	Grade: A+	Attendance: 42 / 42 hours (100%)
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<p>Thank you Piper for your well-written and researched essays! You have done great with the quizzes as well. Good job.</p> <p>Review Date: 2018-10-01</p>	<p>Quiz 1: A+</p> <p>Essay 1: A+</p> <p>Quiz 2: B-</p> <p>Essay 2: A+</p> <p>Quiz 3: A+</p>	
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<p>#3 - Thank you for the recommendation to see this film! It is one of the Ghibli films I haven't watched, so I am looking forward to it. It sounds like it has a lot of similarities with Grave of the Fireflies in a way, with the more mature themes of child isolation and abandonment, which is very odd for a Ghibli film considering the rest of their repertoire. Very well written review Piper! 10/10</p> <p>#4 - I am quite fond of the DS lines myself! I thought the blending of 2D and 3D in some of the games you mentioned (like Bravelly Default) were really beautiful. I also really liked Fantasy Life and some of the more simple-ish graphics like the ones in Denpa Men and Tomodachi Life. I think there is still a niche market for people who enjoy these kinds of games, but you are so so so correct about how horrible some of the games on the DS lines ended up looking. So unfortunate! But very well written. 19/20 on your essay</p> <p>Review Date: 2018-11-01</p>	<p>Essay #3: 10/10</p> <p>Quiz #4: 21/23</p> <p>Essay #4: 19/20</p> <p>Quiz #5: 21/21</p>	

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Kumar, Sidhant	Grade: C-	Attendance: 42 / 42 hours (100%)
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<p>Sidhant missed the first few classes but I have allowed him time to complete his work on his own time. I have received some essays from him, but I am awaiting bibliographies, so they will remain incomplete until those are handed in.</p> <p>If you need any assistance with anything Sidhant, don't hesitate to contact me. I'm here to help! julie.sweetin@gmail.com</p> <p>Review Date: 2018-10-01</p>	<p>Quiz 1: B+</p> <p>Essay 1: C-</p> <p>Quiz 2: Incomplete</p> <p>Essay 2: C-</p> <p>Quiz 3: Incomplete</p>	
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<p>#3 - I really enjoyed your choice of topic, Goku vs Superman and you do bring up some interesting aspects of both characters. But your essay lacks a bit of cohesion, has no real conclusion or closing commentary, and is formatted in an odd way. I think you could benefit a lot in taking an essay-writing course Sidhant. You definitely have the content and ideas, you just need to know how to put them together cohesively in written prose. Thanks for including the bibliography too. Good effort! 6/10</p> <p>#4 - Similar to your 3rd Essay, the content is there, but you need a way to contextualize and make everything cohesive, so that it makes sense and so that your essay has a point to it, or some sort of conclusion. Some of what you have written does not quite match the information given in your source as well, so I am confused as to where you got some of the information mentioned in your essay. Technically the formatting of your essay is all over the place, with different fonts and different sizes, and some spelling errors were made as well. As I said before, a class on writing prose and essays would greatly benefit you for further academic classes. 10/20 for your efforts!</p> <p>Review Date: 2018-11-01</p>	<p>Essay #3: 6/10</p> <p>Quiz #4: 16/23</p> <p>Essay #4: 10/20</p> <p>Quiz #5: 19/21</p>	

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Lester, Darryl	Grade: A	Attendance: 41.75 / 42 hours (99%)
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<p>Darryl is wonderful to have in class, and has a wonderful point of view from a more technical side of things. He has also been quite helpful in class, and has much to add to many discussions. Thank Darryl, job well done.</p> <p>Review Date: 2018-10-01</p>	<p>Quiz 1: A-</p> <p>Essay 1: A+</p> <p>Quiz 2: B-</p> <p>Essay 2: A+</p> <p>Quiz 3: A+</p>	
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<p>#3 - I haven't heard of this film before (A Silent Voice) so thank you for bringing my attention to it. It sounds like it explores some really tough topics, which is something anime seems to do that western animation doesn't. I always find that really interesting, and I think that's what really draws us to it. It's a way to explore deeper issues that many of us don't really want to face. I'm glad you embraced it, I definitely will check it out! I really wish you had written more about your thoughts on the film than a summary of the plot, but well done nonetheless. 7/10</p> <p>#4 - Interesting! I hadn't heard of this film either (like I said, I am not a huge anime person) but it sounds really interesting. It kind of reminds me of the film Amadeus in a way, based on the real life story of Mozart and his rivalry with his best friend. I would've liked to have read more of your thoughts on the film than a summary of the plot, but good effort. 16/20 Nice work!</p> <p>Review Date: 2018-11-01</p>	<p>Essay #3: 7/10</p> <p>Quiz #4: 21/23</p> <p>Essay #4: 16/20</p> <p>Quiz #5: 18/21</p>	

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Leuven, Katy	Grade: A	Attendance: 42 / 42 hours (100%)
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<p>Katy has done consistently well in both quizzes and essays. Thank you Katy, great work!</p> <p>Review Date: 2018-10-01</p>		<p>Quiz 1: A-</p> <p>Essay 1: A+</p> <p>Quiz 2: B+</p> <p>Essay 2: A+</p> <p>Quiz 3: A</p>
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<p>#3 - I am so happy you chose a topic I hold dear to my heart (I did my art thesis on m-theory/string theory/black holes). And you are so right, singularities are definitely used as plot devices in many animes. I can also think of a couple live action films that do this as well: Interstellar and 2001: A Space Odyssey. Another horror film in the 90s, aptly named Event Horizon also used it as the main horror-causing agent. If you haven't seen any of these films, I think you'd love them, but also they are all probably the closest to anime that live-action film has ever gotten in terms of this singularity aspect. In any case I LOVED reading your essay, thank you for the wonderful brain food! 10/10</p> <p>#4 - Fantastic work Katy! Glen Keane is definitely up there as one of the greats. I just love his short films, they're so heartfelt and simple but strong at the same time. He also has been doing some interesting work with Virtual Reality, and painting in 3D space. I haven't seen any projects come out of it yet, but I have a feeling he's definitely working on something exciting. Very well researched and written! 20/20</p> <p>Review Date: 2018-11-01</p>		<p>Essay #3: 10/10</p> <p>Quiz #4: 18/23</p> <p>Essay #4: 20/20</p> <p>Quiz #5: 20/21</p>

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Palmer, Kylie	Grade: A-	Attendance: 42 / 42 hours (100%)
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<p>Kylie is wonderful to have in class, often having fun with whatever it is we are watching, and open to discussion. She has written some very colourful and informative essays that I've enjoyed reading. Great work Kylie!</p> <p>Review Date: 2018-10-01</p>	<p>Quiz 1: A+</p> <p>Essay 1: A+</p> <p>Quiz 2: C</p> <p>Essay 2: A+</p> <p>Quiz 3: A</p>	
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<p>Kylie's submissions were late, but her grade hasn't suffered due to it. Thanks for the colorful and humourous essays, Kylie!</p> <p>Review Date: 2018-11-01</p>	<p>Essay #3: 7/10</p> <p>Quiz #4: 18/23</p> <p>Essay #4: 15/20</p> <p>Quiz #5: 15/21</p>	

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Samagalski, Conal	Grade: A+	Attendance: 42 / 42 hours (100%)
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<p>Conal writes opinionated reviews which are very analytical and considerate of the work he is reviewing. I enjoyed his essay on Fantasia and am looking forward to reading his last two essays. Thanks for the good work Conal!</p> <p>Review Date: 2018-10-01</p>	<p>Quiz 1: A+</p> <p>Essay 1: A+</p> <p>Quiz 2: B+</p> <p>Essay 2: A+</p> <p>Quiz 3: B+</p>	
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<p>#3 - I was hoping someone would write about this! I have loved hearing everyone's opinions on these two films. I enjoyed both, for different reasons, but I agree with you the original anime is so much richer, in all aspects. If you haven't seen it, I highly recommend watching the Ghost in the Shell series called Arise. It's almost a remake, or a rehash...actually...it's more of an addition to the original. I almost kind of liked it more than the original because it gets into the nitty-gritty of the characters and the themes even moreso. Nice work on your essay! 10/10</p> <p>#4 - I think you make some really astute observations in this essay and I can't agree with you more, especially in the 3D being generally easier on the artist. It's why I chose to be a 3D animator over a 2D one after all. I would like to point out though, you do actually have to worry a lot about continuity in 3D, especially since so many people will have their hands in creating a single shot. There are artists whose job it is to make sure continuity is upheld throughout. So while it's easier to ensure continuity, 3D is not quite immune to that issue. Well written, and I can't wait to have you in our 3D animation program! 18/20</p> <p>Review Date: 2018-11-01</p>	<p>Essay #3: 10/10</p> <p>Quiz #4: 21/23</p> <p>Essay #4: 18/20</p> <p>Quiz #5: 21/21</p>	

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Singaravel, Akshaya	Grade: A+	Attendance: 42 / 42 hours (100%)
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<p>Akshaya writes beautifully observant and well-researched essays that I have enjoyed reading very much. She consistently ranks above average on both essays and quizzes. Thank you Akshaya for your excellent work!</p> <p>Review Date: 2018-10-01</p>	<p>Quiz 1: A+</p> <p>Essay 1: A+</p> <p>Quiz 2: A-</p> <p>Essay 2: A+</p> <p>Quiz 3: A+</p>	
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<p>#3 - Thank you for including feminism in your writing! I am so happy to see these things being pointed out. I try to point it out in my history class as much as I can without being too preachy, but it's still something I struggle with in a lot of current animation too, especially anime. I agree with your observations, it is almost as if anime is a type of pornography...and it IS, it definitely is, but it's disturbing when those trends enter mainstream media. I mean, come on every Japanese RPG ever, with the overtly sexualized characters. These games are geared towards young people! It's insane to me. At the same time, I really revere anime for its openness to taboo subjects. Anyway, great work on the essay! 10/10</p> <p>#4 - Awesome topic to read and think about! I think that it is true that everyone seems to be gearing towards realism. But I honestly believe that any medium can survive given the story behind it is strong enough. Story, above all, is most important. You can make a masterpiece with clay just as you can with a computer and a thousand artists working on it. It all depends on the story and the content of what is being shown. How it looks is just the eyecandy :)</p> <p>That said, I think in the future we are going to see animation being used in a lot of interactive modes of media, such as VR and AR. Kind of like what we saw in Blade Runner 2049. Anyway, thanks for the really well researched essay! 19/20</p> <p>Review Date: 2018-11-01</p>	<p>Essay #3: 10/10</p> <p>Quiz #4: 20/23</p> <p>Essay #4: 19/20</p> <p>Quiz #5: 21/21</p>	

