

**Sample Outline: Taken in part from the article *Hollywood's Culture of Death* by Jeffrey T. Kuhner**

**I. Introduction**

**A. Hollywood is slowly destroying America. (attention grabber)**

**B. Friday the 13th**

1. No plot, no beauty or truth
2. Violence, gore, nudity
3. Totally degrading

**C. By making such movies and promoting degenerate lifestyles, Hollywood is making war against America. (thesis statement)**

**II. Explain the issue**

**A. Academy award winning movies peddle twisted values**

1. *Revolutionary Road* rationalizes abortion and adultery
2. *The Wrestler* has a hero who abandons his family to pursue fame and fortune
3. *Milk* celebrates the first openly gay politician

**B. Hugh Hefner's philosophy of "if it feels good do it" dominates Hollywood and society**

1. This philosophy champions promiscuity, personal liberation, and the destruction of the nuclear family
2. It has unleashed a sea of misery

- a. Coarsened the culture
- b. Cheapened human life~ abortion
- c. Divorce
- d. Drugs, gang violence
- e. Sexual misconduct of every kind

**III. Consequences**

**A. Traditional America is dying**

1. Rather than a country rooted in Judeo/Christian morality, America has become decadent and irresponsible.
2. Such a society cannot sustain itself

**B. Culture is America's greatest export and this places the country in danger**

1. Most people in the world are traditionalists who believe in God, family and eternal, transcendent moral laws.
2. Some of those people view American culture as a threat and are anxious to annihilate the threat.

**IV. Biblical Response**

**A. Everyone, especially Christians, must be concerned about the products produced in Hollywood.**

1. Bible says to guard the heart
2. "A little leaven leaveneth the whole lump". Hollywood's message affects everyone

**B. The Bible says to flee evil**

**C. "Whatever things are true, whatever things are noble..." Phil. 4:8**

**V. Conclusion**

**A. Much of what Hollywood produces is like missiles aimed at the heart of America. (thesis restated)**

**B. Hollywood produces and awards movies that disregard human dignity and basic morality**

1. This encourages callousness and misbehavior
2. It also breeds selfish, shallow people, which results in a multitude of cultural evils.

**C. Selfishness, irresponsibility, and a disregard for human life are characteristics that will bring about the destruction of civilization, either from within or from without.**

**D. "God commands all people everywhere to repent" (Acts 17:30)**

**E. Americans, especially Christians, must stand firm against the immorality that much of Hollywood is firing into the culture.**

1. Refuse to consume the deadly products
2. Create movies, television shows, that speak timeless truth and promote beauty
3. Refuse to live by its warped philosophy

**F. The cultural war is real and Hollywood is a formidable enemy. (Summing up)**

**G. Like the murderous Jason, Hollywood is consumed by darkness. To prevent the destruction of America, Christians must fearlessly shine the powerful light of transcendent truth into the darkness. (clincher)**