

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)