



Title	Compare two movies that depict the same neurological disorder
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Brief Description	Individual or small group movie watching and critiquing assignment. Students pick 2 movies on one topic in neuropsychology in order to compare and contrast how a disorder or issue is dealt with in a fictional account.
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Additional Information	Knowledge needed is a background on the behavioral symptoms of the disorder portrayed in the movie. This is at a high school or college level, but could be adapted for younger age groups. The assignment could be for a paper or a presentation.

Compare 2 movies on one topic in Neuropsychology

For this project you are asked to compare and contrast two popular films that depict the same neurological disorder or brain issue. You can find lists of films categorized by disorder/issue on www.Neuropsychyfi.com under the movie lists.

Some examples of films that might be compared are listed below, but many other comparisons are possible. Get approval for your film selection before you begin.

Brain Injury: Regarding Henry (1991) and The Vow (2012)
Autism spectrum: Adam (2009) and Story of Luke (2012)
Dementia: Iris (2001) and Still Alice (2014)
Amnesia: 50 first dates (2004) and Clean Slate (1994)
Increasing Brain Potential: Limitless (2011) and Lucy (2014)

You need to watch the films on DVD or streaming

This project includes a

____ Paper: Length: *Between 1500 and 2000 words (excluding references)* All papers must include at least three references.

____ Presentation: A presentation to the class

In comparing and contrasting the 2 films speak to the following: (you only need to give a short summary of each movie)

Movie Theme – what is the main tone and theme of each movie (i.e. is it a romantic comedy or a dark drama) Indicate the way in which the director seeks to achieve the purpose and your estimate of his/her success.

Main Character with the problem

- Which Character(s) is identified as the one(s) with a disorder or special ability in each film?
- Describe the character's cognitive/neuropsychological problems and strengths.
- Did you identify with or feel empathy for this character? Why or why not?
- In what ways is the character portrayed uniquely or as a stereotypical of the problem or disorder?
- What is the problem or diagnosis that you think the film is **trying** to portray? From what you know from class and outside research, how accurate is this? (Please cite your sources here)
- Describe and give the **time codes** of one or two clips from each film which you think are examples of the person's disorder and critique how well or poorly it is portrayed in the film. When comparing between two films, the best examples will be of the same type of behavior, if possible.

Your analysis and critique of the two films compared

- How are the two films alike or different?

How was the issue approached?

Any similar themes?

- Which film are you most likely to recommend to others, and why?

If each is equally good in your eyes, point out the things to be learned from each.

Provide Discussion questions

Provide at least 2 discussion questions that would help someone think about these movies. For example – 1 Question) *Do these movies suggest that a brain problem can change someone for the better? If so, in what way?*