CMPS 2153 - ESSAY # 1 - MOVIE REVIEW
Due: Tuesday, June 24, midnight

Papers must be saved in .rtf format and emailed to ranette.halverson@mwsu.edu as an attachment. Type “2153 Movie Review” in the subject line. Papers will be accepted for 3 days past the due date with a 10 point deduction per day late. You may turn in your essay anytime early.

Choose a movie from the following list and watch it. Write a 1000 - 1200 word essay. The first half (500-600 words) must discuss the impact that computers played on society in the movie. Include both the good and bad, as applicable. The paper is NOT to be a movie review in general. Focus on the impact of computers. Follow that with a SEPARATE discussion of YOUR OPINION and/or YOUR IMPRESSIONS of how this portrayal and use of computers in the movie was good, bad, inevitable, do you believe this can happen, etc. Your opinion portion must be 500-600 words. You may want to include a discussion of the relative time frame of computers in the movie. That is, discuss how the computer was portrayed in the movie relative to the true status of computers at that time, could this really happen, etc.

Most of these movies are in the MSU library for checkout.

This list was specifically chosen to encompass movies in which a significant plot point revolves around computers. Some of these movies assume that computers will have greater capabilities than they currently do, while others are based on capabilities that are currently available. Gauge your paper accordingly.

The format for the paper is specified as follows. Proper format, spelling, and grammar will be taken into account in grading. Your paper is to be in Comic Sans font, 1" margins all around, single-spaced. A title for your paper is to be centered, all caps, single spaced, font size 16, in some shade of green, in bold as shown below. The movie title must be in italics each time it is used. The body of the paper is to be in 12 pt. font. Insert in your paper a hyperlink to a website that refers to the movie. (Because the essay is also a demonstration of your skills in MS Word, the format details of the paper will also make up a significant portion of the grade.)
Before typing your paper, click TOOLS, SPELLING AND GRAMMAR, then OPTIONS. Click on the option “check as you go” and MS Word will check the spelling and grammar as you type. After completing your paper, click TOOLS, the WORD COUNT to determine the number of words in your paper. This is what I will do and points will be deducted for papers that are too short or too long.

See Student Handbook and Activities Calendar, #10b for definition of plagiarism. Any confirmed case of plagiarism will result in a zero for the assignment and will be reported to the Dean of Students.

Select a movie from the list below.

- 2001: A Space Odyssey
- Desk Set
- Hackers
- Lawnmower Man
- Sneakers
- Simone
- Total Recall
- War Games
- Westworld
- 2010
- 13th Floor
- Superman III
- I, Robot
- Stealth
- Swordfish
- The Italian Job
- Office Space
- Enemy of the State
- Firewall
- Colossus: The Forbin Project (1969)
- Robo Cop
- Johnny Mnemonic
- Logan's Run
- Terminator II
- Forbidden Planet
- Tron
- A.I.
- Terminal Man (1974)
- D.A.R.Y.L
- The Invisible Boy
- The Computer Wore Tennis Shoes
- Man of the Year (2006)
- The Net
- Live Free or Die Hard
- 23
- Antitrust
- Takedown