

Peer Review - Semiotics in Motion

Writer: Nicholas

Reviewer: Ryan

1. Is there a **clearly stated thesis statement**? Does **the thesis address the purpose** of the assignment? Write the thesis here.

Yes! The thesis is very clearly stated and it does address the purpose of the assignment.

"In the reading "What We Talk about When We Talk about Batman and Superman," Riesman uses figurative language and historical perspectives to help us understand and compare the current world with the past and why we needed superheroes."

2. Does the writer provide enough **specific details** from the article they are analyzing? For example, do they provide specific examples from Riesman, Packer, or Ehrenreich? As the reader, is the **description clear** and does it **connect to the point the writer** is trying to make?

He does give specific details from the article. I think Nicholas does a great job of relating it to the article without overdoing it.

3. Does the writer clearly and accurately summarize elements of the author's argument while evaluating its strengths and/or flaws?

I did not see where he talks about the author's strengths or flaws.

4. Where does the writer introduce and explain the semiotic method—its purpose, concepts, vocabulary, etc.?

He introduces it in his intro paragraph.

5. Does the writer adequately **integrate** and **explain** the quotes and concepts from Ehrenreich, Packer, or Riesman?

Yes. I would add more quotes. I only saw one. The quotes he chooses are essential to his body paragraphs. He does a great job at explaining the quotes and how they relate to the thesis.

6. Does the writer use an **effective structure** that guides the reader from one idea to the next? Do the **topic sentences express clear points** that are connected to the **support** that follows?

Yes. He is very organized with his body paragraphs. It was very clear where the ideas supported the thesis.

7. Has the writer **properly used MLA format** for quoting and citing? If not, please point to where it could be better.

Yes. The MLA format is being used correctly for quoting. If anything, maybe the page number could be added or the title of the article for quotation.

8. Can you **point to a couple of sentences** that are worded in an imprecise, unclear, or awkward manner?

In the intro paragraph, it was kinda awkward with the sentences: "He writes about how Superman's optimistic heroism connotes the patriotic, post-war optimism seen in the 1940s and 1950s and how Batman's cynicism connotes the American social disorder of the 1970s (Riesman). In this paper, my focus is to highlight Riesman's semiotic methods in his book and talk about the relationship he exposes between Batman and Superman."

I only saw that because it is after the thesis. Maybe by adding them before the thesis it will be a good background on the article.