

Shattered Glass

What You're Doing

View the movie *Shattered Glass*. It is available on Blackboard, but if you have trouble viewing the movie on Blackboard, the DVD is also available on reserve at the library and through many retail rental outlets. It may also be available at your local library if you live off-campus.

Take notes while you watch the film. In 350-400 words, describe how the plot of the movie relates to several of the themes we have discussed in class. Do not summarize the plot.

Instead, 1) describe how and why the verification process broke down in this case, and 2) explain how the movie illustrates that journalists are subject to peer review. Give specific examples quotes and details to support your analysis. Make sure you properly attribute your source. Shoot for a total of five or more examples for your essay. Examples help you illustrate your point to the reader.

Why You're Doing This

The lecture on Journalistic Truth outlines the verification process and reminds you that a journalist's first duty is to the truth. Analyzing how and why the verification process broke down in this film gives you a chance to do more than just memorize what these concepts mean, but to actually see them in practice and better understand the various steps in that process.

What You Should Aim to Get Out of It

A clear sense of how the verification process works – and how and why it sometimes doesn't. The ability to recognize in the future whether or not the news you're consuming has adhered to that crucial process. And up to 4 homework points for exceptional work.