Much Ado About Nothing Essay Guidelines

Prompt: Compare the movie Much Ado About Nothing to the text from the play. Explain why the movie is an effective portrayal (why is it best to WATCH?).

Directions: Respond to the prompt in an essay of at least 5 paragraphs (at least 2 full pages). BE SPECIFIC. Refer to our discussion about Much Ado About Nothing: gender roles, social expectations, word use, body language, facial expressions, lighting/costumes/camera angles/other stage or cinematic effects, etc.

In your essay, you must include at least 3 DIRECT quotations from the play/movie to defend your claim or to address the counterclaim.
Your essay must be in MLA format:
  ● Double spacing
  ● 1 inch margins
  ● Font Size 12
  ● Font Style Times New Roman
  ● Name and page number in the header
  ● MLA Heading on page 1
  ● In-text citations (both play AND movie)
  ● Work(s) Cited Page (both play AND movie)
  ● Introduction (with Thesis), Body, and Conclusion Paragraphs

Submitting your Essay:
You will have a chance to draft and edit your essay in class, but class time will be limited. Whatever you cannot complete in class must be completed for homework. Do NOT print this essay out. Share it with me through Google Docs. Make sure you allow me to EDIT it. I will make comments throughout your essay. For this essay, you may resubmit revisions for a better grade.

(See Grading Checklist on BACK ->)
GRADING CHECKLIST

MLA Formatting Correctness: ____/10 pts
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  ____/3 Works Cited Page

Content: ____/50 pts
  ____/5 Hook
  ____/5 Context
  ____/5 Thesis
  ____/5 Transitions
  ____/5 Topic Sentences (Claim)
  ____/5 Evidence (Quotations)
  ____/10 Explication (Defense)
  ____/5 Summary/Wrap-up
  ____/5 Zinger

Style and Organization: ____/20 pts
  ____/5 Correctness/Validity
  ____/5 Voice (no parroting)
  ____/5 Tone (formal)
  ____/5 Flow (2-3-1 Style)

Conventions: ____/10 pts
  ____/3 Spelling
  ____/3 Complete sentences
  ____/2 Punctuation
  ____/2 Variety

Source Inclusion: ____/10 pts
  ____/6 At least 3 direct quotations from the novel
  ____/4 Well chosen quotations

TOTAL: ____/100