RW I Fall 2016
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**Movie Review: *Blackfish***

**Due:** C1&2-Monday 9/26; C3-9/28
**Length:** *At least* 700 words; go over the limit if you please
**Formatting:** Begin with left-hand side matter same as Diagnostic assignment; double-space your work; PROOFREAD twice or more.

**Purpose:**

This assignment is your opportunity to write a review of *Blackfish* that is distinct from the published reviews we read in class. You may write a comparative review if you choose—see ePortfolio for details on this.

**Method:**

1. *While watching the movie*, make note of key details of the plot. What information does the movie tell you about whales? What makes you rethink some assumptions you previously had?
Also note details about the movie’s form: its use of music, and the narration. When do you hear the music swell? When do you hear it speed up, become jolly, or slow down, become serious? Pay attention to the order of information presented. How does the movie arrange information in order to convince viewers?

2. *Read through the four reviews*. Notice similarities between them, but also key differences. What is the hook of each article? Then, what are the main arguments, the counter-arguments, and the culmination? Structure your own review in a similar way.

*If you are writing a comparative review*, jot down points of similarity and difference between your second text and *Blackfish*. Then focus on how the second text illuminates, or shows something slightly different, from what the audience would get otherwise.

3. *Plan your review and write*. Are you being repetitive? (Don’t!) Are you using an appropriate vocabulary and language? (Don’t write very casually *or* very formally—a tricky balance.) Have you met the word minimum? Proofread, proofread, and proof once more.

4. *Satisfied* with your work? Submit on ePortfolio!