

Assignment 2: On the Beach

Compare the novel On the Beach by Nevil Shute with its 1959 film adaptation by Stanley Kramer. The paper should be 4-5 pages typed and double-spaced (approximately 1000-1250 words).

Viewings of the film are scheduled for Sunday, Sept 9th at _____ pm and Monday, September 10th at 7:00 pm, in our regular class room. For the purposes of this paper, the video of Kramer's On the Beach will be placed on reserve at Pelletier Library after class on Tuesday. You will be able to review this film in the library only.

A complete draft of this paper is due in class on Thursday, September 13th. Please send me a copy by email (acarr@allegheny.edu) AND bring a paper copy to class. On September 13th, we will spend time in class editing your work. You will have a chance to respond to comments and make corrections to this draft. **HOWEVER**, bring to this class a version that you consider to be nearly complete.

A final version of this paper is due on Tuesday, September 18th, Tuesday in class. Please turn in paper copies of your draft, the editing exercises, and your final paper.

TO CONSIDER

In comparing the novel and the film, you will probably benefit from focussing on two or three points or examples. In this relatively short paper, you will need to avoid lengthy quotations that waste your space. Refer to the appropriate parts of the novel by placing page numbers in parentheses. Only quote directly the words or phrases that are of great significance, necessary to your argument.

Is the "Five Paragraph" model of expository writing a useful format for you? What modifications might you need to make in the formula to accommodate this assignment?