

Screen English Midterm Assessment Task

Instead of a Midterm “Exam,” you will be completing a Midterm Assessment Task. For this task, you will be working with a piece of Screen English media. This can be a Youtuber’s post, a Public Service Announcement (like the Canadian Heritage Moments), or a short episode of a television show.

Your task will have several aspects to it.

1. **You should engage with the media as a tool for improving your English vocabulary.** Specifically, you should collect some vocabulary from the media and then

Collect *at least 7* words/phrases and note their meanings. For each one, create an example of how it could be used. You will type this and submit it in PDF form using the link provided in Blackboard.

Example:

“Knock on wood”: This is an expression that means, “hope for continued good luck.” When Tony says this, he also actually knocks on the wooden table. This seems to be some kind of old superstition about good luck.

2. **You should ask questions about the media you have chosen.** Consider the questions for discussion that we discussed for each piece of Screen English media that we studied.

Write **at least 5 questions** of this type about the media you have chosen. Note: you need to write five questions, but you don’t need to answer them (yet). You will submit these in the same PDF as the vocabulary above.

Example:

1. When Robert and his father talk to one another, what feeling do you get from the interaction? Do they seem to like one another? What emotion do you think each of them is feeling? How do their words seem to confirm or to contradict their feelings?

3. **You should choose one or more of your questions and answer it in detail.** You may choose to write about it, or to make a video about it.

If you choose to write your answer to your chosen question(s): The answer should be between 250-500 words long. It will be graded in terms of the quality of your interaction with the work, but not in terms of your grammar or the perfection of your English. Include this writing in the same PDF as above.

If you choose to make a video to answer your chosen question(s): The video should be between ~7-10 minutes long, not including any clips from the media that you are discussing and which you can add to support your explanation of your answer(s). Submit the video in a common format along with your PDF file.