Dr. Strangelove Movie Review

**This assignment will count as chapter 16 test grade 70pts**

Create a movie review of Stanley Kubrick’s’ classic cold war film “Dr. Strangelove”. Break down the main characters in the film, the locations, sets, anything in the film that you believe relates to topics covered in class (i.e. Mutually Assured Destruction, Truman Doctrine, Capitalism vs. Communism, Massive Retaliation, Red Scare, McCarthyism, etc.)

Include your thoughts on the movie, did you like it, was it funny (why/why not), was it disturbing or scary, how should it be received etc.

For the next part of your review, relate the topics covered in the film to events happening in the world today. (ex. Ukraine, Pakistan, India, Israel, Iran, war on terror etc.) Evaluate the current threat of nuclear war today. Research these topics, cite your sources APA style.

Explain if you believe it is more or less a possibility today.

Have we past mutually assured destruction or is it still the US strategy? (explain)

Finally, elaborate on your feelings about the cold war, is it over (why/why not)?

Where is the biggest threat of nuclear war today, and what can be done about it?

On a separate paper, create a movie poster inspired by Dr. Strangelove that reflects your attitude toward the policy of nuclear deterrence and mutually assured destruction. Do agree with the policies of the USA and Soviet governments? Do you think the MAD strategy is dangerous and wrong? Convince us with your poster.

Paper 40 pts

Poster 30 pts

**Movie Review Rubric**

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1. **1-2 pages typed single spaced (12pt)**
2. **Review the film. Summary of plot and main characters**
   1. **Who do you believe are the main characters and why? (5pts)**
   2. **What happens in the movie?**
   3. **How does it unfold?**
3. **How does the film present and relate to the following concepts: (30pts)**
   1. **Mutually Assured Destruction**
   2. **Truman Doctrine**
   3. **Massive Retaliation**
   4. **Red Scare**
   5. **McCarthyism**
4. **What should people think of the movie? (5pts)**
   1. **What makes it good? What makes it bad?**
   2. **Was it funny and why or why not?**
5. **Is the film still relevant today? (5pts)**
   1. **Is nuclear war possible today? If not why?**
   2. **Where and Why?**
   3. **Is Mutually Assured Destruction still the American Strategy?**
      1. **Why or Why not. Explain your response**
6. **What are your feelings about the Cold War? (5pts)**
   1. **Is it over? Why or Why not?**
7. **Poster (20pts)**
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