

## Weather in Film

I am hoping that you will find this **Extra Credit** assignment a little bit fun! I would like you to watch a feature film, one made for pleasure and not a documentary, which has weather as a primary or secondary focus. The main point of the film might be the weather depicted in the film or it might not. In *The Perfect Storm*, obviously the whole point of the film IS the storm, but in *Alive* the main event is a plane crash and the weather is simply the backdrop albeit one that they must deal with to survive.

I have compiled a short listing of films that I feel are appropriate for this task. However, I am open to your ideas and suggestions. If you would like me to consider a film, please email me the title and perhaps a link to its IMDB (internet movie database) site and I will let you know if it is acceptable.

Some of these films are somewhat scary and others a little graphic while some are just fun. If you have a preference for certain types of films, please consult the IMDB or Wikipedia entry for these films to see if the content is right for you. Note: **Yellow** below means film was available on Amazon Instant Video.

### The List:

Year	Film
1939	The Wizard of Oz
1993	Alive
1996	Twister
1996	White Squall
1996	Tornado!
1997	The Ice Storm
2000	The Perfect Storm

Year	Film
2000	Vertical Limit
2004	The Day After Tomorrow
2006	Eight Below
2007	Flood
2008	NYC: Tornado Terror
2010	Arctic Blast
2011	The Grey

### The Assignment:

I want you to watch this film with your "Meteorologist" hat on. I would like you to give me an assessment of how true to real life this film depicts the weather event(s) portrayed in it. Do the twisters in *Twister* behave like real twisters? Does a *White Squall* really even exist? Did they show the thermohaline circulation working in the proper direction? (OK some of these are just for weather geeks like me!)

I would like you to include the basic information and a synopsis of your film in your introduction, and then spend 2-5 paragraphs outlining some of the times where the film got the weather correct and some of those times where they got it wrong (by far the more fun part of this assignment.)

So a 4-7 paragraph essay on your film and its adherence to real-world weather rules is what I am looking for here. I am happy to accept single spaced essays (to save paper, and the planet.) In text citations are required if necessary.

If you are not finding many weather errors, that is perfectly acceptable... but be sure I will be watching and checking so be sure to double check if you think everything is perfect ☺

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