Our Vampires, Ourselves: The Allure Of Vampires Through Time
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Abstract:

Images in the media today affect society and individuals more than we would like to believe. Women develop body issues because of the pressure to look like models in magazines. Our news emphasizes tragedies over triumphs. Movies in America are becoming more and more graphic as the years go by. Whether it is a gore-filled spoof movie, or a graphic portrayal of an actual event; these images affect people emotionally and psychologically. A few films that have deeply disturbed me, as well as others, include *An American Crime* and *The Girl Next Door*. These movies are based on a tragedy that happened in the state of Indiana during the 1960’s to a young girl. In my research I will focus on the psychological effects that adults and children alike develop after witnessing explicit films. Many people can develop insomnia, nightmares and phobias after repeated exposure to violence.

Biography:

My name is Marlana Jean Socha and I am a 21 year old college student. I have many passions in life: art, music, literature and films are a few of those. Passion to me is like a whistling wind behind my back pushing me forward, or my blood rushing through my body giving me the energy to continue on. When I have a rough day I know that I can turn to something I am passionate about and it will give me a new liveliness. I have had many experiences and I would like to use what I’ve learned from them to help others. To this end I am pursuing a degree in psychology. I hope to continue on to obtain my Master’s in Art Therapy so I can use art and psychotherapy to change people’s live one step at a time.