Narrative Analysis of the Horror set texts November 2019

## **Todorov**

- 1. Who was Todorov and what was his theory about narrative?
- 2. At what stage of the narrative does Halloween begin?
- 3. How is this communicated through the micro elements e.g. camera, editing, sound, mise-enscene?
- 4. At what stage of the narrative does The Strangers begin?
- 5. How is this communicated through the micro elements?
- 6. Why might some mainstream Hollywood films not follow Todorov's theory?
- 7. Did these films follow the theory? If not, why do you think this is?

## **Propp**

- 1. Who was Propp and what was his theory about narrative?
- 2. Which of Propp's characters can you identify in Halloween?
- 3. How is this communicated through the micro elements?
- 4. Which of Propp's characters can you identify in The Strangers?
- 5. How is this communicated through micro elements?
- 6. In what ways do these horror films challenge Propp's theory?

## **Levi-Strauss**

- 1. Who was Levi-Strauss and what was his theory about narrative?
- 2. What are the binary oppositions that you saw in Halloween and The Strangers?
- 3. Do these films share any binary-oppositions?
- 4. How are these binary oppositions communicated through micro-elements in the opening sequences?

## **Barthes**

- 1. Who was Barthes and what was his theory?
- 2. What enigma codes are used in the opening sequence of your two films?
- 3. How are the enigma codes constructed through the micro elements?