**Representation and Gender: Summer Task**

**500 word essay. Please write in full sentences and use paragraphs.**

The title should be in this format (put in your own character, film, year):

**The Representation of Fiona in *Shrek* (2001)**

Pick a **fictional female** character from a ***specific* film** that you know well. She can be an important or a minor character, but think about the task ahead when you choose…

* What is the gender of director, writer and first named producer of the film?
* Which actor is selected to play the role? What is her ‘look’ in the film?
* What is her character like (age, job, relationships, personality, dreams)?
* How is she encoded (costume, hair, body language, dialogue etc.)? Give details
* What is her narrative function (e.g. active hero or passive damsel in distress)?
* Does she conform to or challenge traditional gender stereotypes? How?
* Is she represented as something to look at in a sexualised way, or objectified? If yes, in what ways is this created e.g. performance, costume, camera?

Use the underlined words to help you write your essay

It may be that the character you choose is more complex. She may change her look or behaviour in different scenes, or have a **narrative arc** where she starts off one way and then develops into something else (like Fiona in *Shrek*). If this is the case then this is fine, but please explain how this happens, including how the story ends for her.