Investigation/ Research project

For A level film studies students starting next year.

Come up with a question to investigate

For example
"Do all modern sci-fi films have religious themes?"

(This is one that I myself did at university)

Come up with a hypothesis

For example
"I think that all modern Hollywood sci-fi films have some links to religion and specifically Christianity"

Then investigate

Pick 3 - 5 focus films to concentrate on in your investigation.
Make sure that you pick some films that you haven't seen before.
As you watch the film, write down notes and then put your notes into a PowerPoint presentation.
The PowerPoint will gain good marks if you document your findings as soon as you discover them so that the audience can see the progress that you are making.
Eg.
I then watched <<this film>> and I noticed that <<finding>>. This supports my hypothesis...

You don't have to be 'right' in your hypothesis as long as you say that:
"At first I thought <<this>> but since investigating I have found that <<new hypothesis>>"

When I investigated sci-fi films at university, I didn't find much supporting evidence to my hypothesis at first but then I found that the Matrix has lots of religious references
1. They call *Neo* "The One" and he comes back to life which links to Jesus and Christianity etc.

In the past we've had ideas like:

"Has the Fast and Furious franchise turned into a superhero franchise?"
"Do all Kevin Spacey films contain gay context and themes?"
"Is Johnny Depp still a star?"
"Do musicals have to be about the music industry in some way?"
"Do Horror films have to have gore to be effective?"