

## INCOMPLETE OR MISSING DOCUMENTATION: THE VIDEO

A credit sequence appears on silent-movie title cards.

Incomplete or Missing Documentation: The Video

Or, How I Learned to Give Credit Where Credit Is Due

Starring

[A small wooden figure bows]

As “The Writer”

And

[A raspberry appears]

As “The Film Critic”

The writer is typing these words:

A noted film critic has called this the worst film ever made by anyone.

A title card appears:

Ahem

The film critic raspberry rolls into the scene. A title card appears:

That quotation is missing something.

The writer waves his arms, talking to the film critic. Title cards appear:

What? I’m quoting my source EXACTLY.

The film critic raspberry is shown. Title cards appear:

How will readers know that those are the source’s exact words?

The writer realizes something. Title cards appear:

I need quotation marks!

The writer types. Quotation marks appear in the typed sentence.

A noted film critic has called this “the worst film ever made by anyone.”

The film critic raspberry returns. Title cards appear:

There’s just one more little thing.

The writer asks, “What?”

The film critic raspberry asks, “Who?”

The writer is puzzled. “What?”

The film critic raspberry is shown. Title cards appear:

Who is the film critic?

The writer explains to the film critic raspberry. Title cards appear:

It’s right here, in the list of works cited.

A works-cited entry appears.

Barry, Razz. “Worst of the Worst: Ten Horrible Films.” *The Razz at the Movies*, 2016,  
[www.razzmovies.com/worst\\_of\\_worst](http://www.razzmovies.com/worst_of_worst).

The film critic raspberry returns. Title cards appear:

Wow! Thank you for calling me a noted film critic.

I would be even more flattered if you revealed my name BEFORE the list of works cited.

Otherwise, how will anyone know you’re talking about ME?

The writer understands. Title cards appear:

Oh, I see.

I should mention your name right here in this sentence!

The writer types. The sentence changes to include the critic’s name. Now it says,

Noted film critic Razz Barry has called this “the worst film ever made by anyone.”

The writer waltzes happily with the film critic raspberry. A title card says, “The End.”