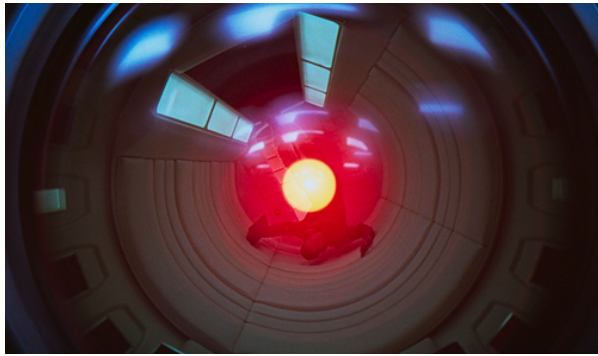


- What just happened?
- How difficult was it to reach group consensus?
- Considering the class display as a whole—how similar were the finished products?
- How did you approach the notion of intelligence in this context?
- Is consciousness an all-or-nothing characteristic—where “the lights” are either on or off—or is it better to think in terms of varying degrees of sentience/self-awareness?
- Were there any creatures that were of particular interest or were not easy to place in their relative position in the sentience continuum?
- Is it possible to draw a line on the continuum where all creatures to the right of the line are persons and all those to the left are not?



- “Alien intelligence” is being evoked here by still images from three blockbuster Hollywood movies. Just for fun, can you identify them?
- One of the fictitious aliens depicted here is cutely benign, another is horrifically malign. The third is wholly mysterious and enigmatic in its linguistic, intellectual, and technological superiority. Where would you place *Homo sapiens* in a intelligence continuum with these Hollywood aliens?
- The image of the question mark on the exoplanet evokes the ultimate generative question— what else is possible? What do you think about the possibility of intelligent life forms being out there in the universe?
- What can we say about the physical appearance of hypothetical sentient extraterrestrials? To what extent is scale—think in terms of planet-sized life forms vs. microscopic—a constraint on our speculative imaginings?
- Will we ever experience a close encounter?



- Identify the movies and comment on the depicted consequences of machine sentience and personhood in robots.
- Do these movies often reveal more about the human condition and societal failings than artificial intelligence as such?
- Comment on Alpha Zero and the “slaughter bot”—both current technological reality, not fiction!
- Where would you place HAL 9000, WALL E, Alpha Zero, and the slaughter bot in the creature sentience continuum?