

Revere High School Social Studies Department: Movie Clips-Scenes in History

It is our belief that showing a variety of video/movie clips and scenes helps to reinforce the theme(s) we are learning about. Most of these clips are obtained through *United Streaming*, *Learn360*, or another clip source—however; occasionally we use selected scenes from theatrical movies.

We believe and research has shown that most students gain a better appreciation for the content when they view an actual depiction of the themes being discussed (i.e.—We can lecture about *Old Yeller* but chances are the kids won't relate enough to be emotional and cry—however, if we show them scenes they will relate to the characters, the emotions, and time period enough to have real emotions). The same holds true for history. We can talk about respecting our veterans and how dramatic & difficult the invasion of Normandy was; however, when we show the opening five minutes of *Saving Private Ryan*—they get it!

Some of the movies shown are rated R because of language and scenes of violence/realism. The movies and scenes are thoughtfully selected and have a direct correlation with the content. If parent/guardian/student feels uncomfortable with the rating, a PG or PG-13 replacement will be sought.

If a replacement is unable to be located, then the student will be excused from the classroom during that time to do an alternate assignment—research based on a specific part of the historical significance of the movie (not the actual movie itself). When the student is excused from the classroom, it will be done in a subtle way: 1) If we are watching clips the majority of the period, we tell the student the day before to report to the library the next day; 2) If we are showing short clips, we will have a pass delivered for that student at a specific time.

NOTES: 1) We typically do not show the entire films, just selected scenes. 2) We do not show all the movies listed below, this is just a list for reference of POSSIBLE film selections.

- **American:** *Far and Away* (PG-13), *Into the West* (PG), *Flyboys* (PG-13), *Untouchables* (R), *Cinderella Man* (PG-13), *Saving Private Ryan* (R), *Pearl Harbor* (PG-13), *The Pianist* (R), *Schindler's List* (R), *Thirteen Days* (PG-13), *Mississippi Burning* (R), *Ghosts of Mississippi* (PG-13), *Forrest Gump* (PG-13), *We Were Soldiers* (R), *All the President's Men* (PG), *Black Hawk Down* (R)
- **AP American:** *Roots* (TV Mini-Series), *Full Metal Jacket* (R), *Glory* (R),
- **World:** *Flyboys* (PG-13), *Untouchables* (R), *Saving Private Ryan* (R), *Pearl Harbor* (PG-13), *The Pianist* (R), *Schindler's List* (R), *Thirteen Days* (PG-13), *Mississippi Burning* (R), *Forrest Gump* (PG-13)
- **AP Euro:** *The Three Musketeers* (1993-PG), *Thirteen Days* (PG-13), *Forrest Gump* (PG-13), *Doctor Zhivago*
- **Global Studies:** *Cry Freedom* (PG), *Seven Years in Tibet* (PG-13), *Hotel Rwanda* (PG-13)
- **Street Law:** *12 Angry Men* (1957-NR), *The Rainmaker* (PG-13), *Scared Straight* (R)
- **Psychology:** *A Beautiful Mind* (PG-13), *Patch Adams* (PG-13)
- **Economics:** *Super Size Me* (PG-13)
- **Government:** *Mr. Smith Goes to Washington*
- **Personal Finance:** *Its a Wonderful Life*

Student Name: _____ Period: _____ Trimester: _____

We have read and understand the Social Studies Department Movie Policy.

Parent/Guardian Signature approving use of historical movie depictions that are Rated R.