

**MOVIE REVIEW GUIDELINES SUMMER ASSIGNMENT**  
**For Accelerated U.S. History (all 11<sup>th</sup> graders who are not taking AP U.S. History)**

**Directions:**

1. Select a film from the list provided. **Make certain that your parents approve of the film before you view it!!** Remember, some movies on the list carry an R rating for very good reasons, usually fairly graphic historical violence.
2. Watch the film. You may want to take notes while viewing and you may want to view the film more than once.
3. Write your movie review. Your review must be one to two pages, typed (double-spaced and 12 pt. Times New Roman font). It must begin with the title of the movie, the year it was released, and the name of the director. You must answer the following questions in the course of your paper.
  - A. If the film is based upon an historical event or person, how true to life is the film? Is the film fact or fiction? Is there inaccurate information? Were popular stereotypes about different kinds of people challenged or reinforced? **\*If you use any sources to help evaluate historical accuracy, you must cite them on a works cited page using MLA format. Directions can be found here: <https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/747/08/>**
  - B. Describe the main characters. Briefly summarize the plot.
  - C. What did you enjoy about the film? Are there things about the film that you disliked and what were they?
4. Directions for Submission:
  - Assignments are **due Friday, August 31<sup>st</sup>** and will be submitted through turnitin.com. Your teacher will provide you an access code for submission once we begin school in August.
  - A hard copy of this page with the bottom portion completed must also be submitted to your teacher **by August 31<sup>st</sup>** regardless of what your chosen film is rated. Assignments will not be accepted without parent or guardian consent.

**Parent/Guardian Permission for Movie:** I give my student, \_\_\_\_\_, permission to watch \_\_\_\_\_. I understand that some of the film options are Rated 'R' and may show scenes of a violent, sexual, or otherwise adult nature.

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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## **COLONIAL ERA**

Last of the Mohicans (1992)  
1776 (1972)  
The Patriot (2000)  
Revolution (1985)  
The Crossing (2000)  
Pocahontas (1995)

## **PRE-CIVIL WAR & THE WAR**

Uncle Tom's Cabin (Showtime 1987)  
Glory (1989)  
Gone With the Wind (1939)  
Shenandoah (1965)  
12 Years a Slave (2013)  
Lincoln (2012)  
Amistad (1997)  
Gettysburg (1993)  
Gods & Generals (2003)  
The Birth of a Nation (2016)

## **LATE 19TH- CENTURY**

Dances with Wolves (1990)  
Far and Away (1992)  
The Molly McGuires (1970)  
Geronimo (1993)  
Ken Burns' series The West (1996)  
Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee (2007)  
Newsies (1992)  
Hester Street (1975)

## **EARLY 20TH- CENTURY**

Inherit the Wind (1960)  
Matewan (1987)  
Rough Riders (1997)  
Iron Jawed Angels (2004)  
The Untouchables (1987)  
The Poisoner's Handbook (from PBS *American Experience* 2014)

## **THE GREAT DEPRESSION & WORLD WAR II**

Cinderella Man (2005)  
Grapes of Wrath (1939)  
Come See the Paradise (1990)  
The Tuskegee Airmen (1996)  
They Shoot Horses Don't They (1969)  
Saving Private Ryan (1998)  
Pearl Harbor (2001)  
Monuments Men (2014)  
Warm Springs (2005)  
Hyde Park on Hudson (2012)  
Fat Man and Little Boy (1989)  
The Longest Day (1962)  
Midway (1976)  
Flags of our Fathers (2006)  
Red Tails (2012)

Public Enemies (2009)

J. Edgar (2011)

Patton (1970)

Race (Jesse Owens film 2016)

## **POST WORLD WAR II**

Long Walk Home (1991)  
Mississippi Burning (1988)  
Ghosts of Mississippi (1996)  
The Man in the Gray Flannel Suit (1956)  
Guilty by Suspicion (1991)  
Thirteen Days (2000)  
42 (Jackie Robinson film 2013)  
Argo (2012)  
All the President's Men (1976)  
Malcolm X (1992)  
The Right Stuff (1983)  
A Force More Powerful (1999)  
The Kennedys (mini-series 2011)  
The Help (2011)  
The Special Relationship (2010)  
Frost/Nixon (2008)  
Bobby (2006)  
We Were Soldiers (2002)  
Apollo 13 (1995)  
Selma (2014)  
Trumbo (2015)  
The Post (2017)  
Marshall (2017)  
Jackie (2016)  
4 Little Girls (1997)  
Zero Dark Thirty (2012)  
Full Metal Jacket (1987)  
Platoon (1986)  
Forrest Gump (1994)  
The Hurt Locker (2008)  
United 93 (2006)  
Mudbound (2017)  
Hacksaw Ridge (2016)