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Planning Time: 9:00 - 10:40

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Objective: Students will examine historical films critically.

Suggested Supplies: film journal, notebook paper, writing utensils, Chromebook

Grading Policy: Grades for this class will come from a variety of activities including a Viewing Journal (30%), Class Assignments (30%), Individual or small group project (10%), whole class project (15%), Midterm/Final (15%)

Exam Date Midterms - December 17, 18 & 19; Finals - May 18, 19 & 20 (unless weather changes calendar)

Attendance Policy: Students should try to achieve perfect attendance, however, when they are absent, they must master the material they missed in class. For school-related absences, students must inform Miss Griffin ahead of time. It is impossible to earn a good participation grade if you are not present to participate, even if the absences are excused. If you miss less than 3 days, excused or unexcused, you are exempt from the midterm/final (up to 6 days with field trips). Remote days count as part of your attendance.

Tardy Policy: Students are tardy if they are not in their assigned seat when the bell rings. Excessive tardies will result in office referrals.

Make-Up Policy: When students are absent from class, they are expected to make up any and all missed work. It is the student's responsibility to find out what was missed and arrange a time to make up work. It is best to make up tests **after** school. Students will not be allowed to make-up tests during the school day. For the Viewing Journal, students must meet with Miss Griffin to determine an appropriate replacement assignment when absent. Make-up work should be turned into the student's class box. Unless other arrangements are made ahead of time, students have **five** days to make up missed assignments. Check Google Classroom for assignments.

Devices: We will use Chromebooks periodically for activities. Otherwise, computers are to be up and off. Devices will be monitored via GoGuardian. Earbuds and phones are not allowed per state law.

Grading Scale:

A 90-100

C 70-79

F 0-59

B 80-89

D 60-69

Individual or Small Group Project Options

Option 1: Documentary (1-3 people)

Create a 10 minute documentary and enter it in the National History Day competition. The theme for this year's contest is "Revolution, Reaction, and Reform."

Option 2: Performance (1-5 people)

Create a 10 minute performance and enter it in the National History Day competition.

Option 3: Podcast (1-2 people)

Create a podcast about History in Movies. Must record 5 episodes a semester.

Option 4: Paper (1 person)

View 8-10 movies related to the same topic. You'll give a synopsis of the film, a reaction, compare how they cover the topic, and discuss historical accuracy.

Option 5: Portfolio (1 person)

Complete 12 of the portfolio options that will be given throughout the class.

Whole Class Project

Together, the class will choose a topic and create a plan for a movie related to that topic.

Class Expectations

- 1) Be on time.
- 2) Be prepared.
- 3) Be respectful.
- 4) Be engaged.
- 5) Follow all school rules.

Attached is a list of potential films for the semester. Returning this page signed indicates you have reviewed the list of films that may be watched during the class and do not object to them. If any films are added through the year, a separate form will be sent home for them. If you have a question about a film or object to one, please e-mail Miss Griffin at griffinh@cocke.k12.tn.us. You can also make a note on this page.

Student : _____

Guardian: _____

Movie Title	Rating	Plot Synopsis
2001: A Space Odyssey	G	A visionary sci-fi film examining evolution, artificial intelligence, and humanity's future.
42	PG-13	Chronicles Jackie Robinson's breaking of the baseball color barrier and the racism he endured.
A Christmas Carol	PG	Classic adaptation of Dickens' tale of greed, redemption, and compassion during Christmas.
A Christmas Story	PG	A 1940s Midwestern boy dreams of the perfect Christmas and a Red Ryder BB gun.
A League of Their Own	PG	Follows the formation of the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League during WWII.
American Graffiti	PG	Teenagers cruise the streets of 1962 California in one nostalgic night before adulthood.
Apollo 13	PG	A dramatization of NASA's 1970 Apollo 13 mission, where astronauts struggle to return home after an onboard explosion.
Bye Bye Birdie	G	A musical satire about pop culture obsession when a rock star is drafted into the army.
Casablanca	PG	Classic WWII romantic drama centered around political intrigue and resistance in French Morocco.
Chicago	PG-13	A satirical musical about crime, fame, and the justice system during the Jazz Age.
China Beach (TV Series)	TV-14	Centers on a military hospital during the Vietnam War, focusing on the women serving there.
Christy (TV Series)	TV-G	Based on the novel by Catherine Marshall, about a young teacher in an Appalachian mission school in 1912.
Coal Miner's Daughter	PG	Biography of Loretta Lynn, from Appalachian poverty to country music fame.
Darkest Hour	PG-13	Follows Winston Churchill during the early days of WWII as he faces the decision to negotiate with Hitler or rally the nation to fight on.

Deskset	NR	A 1957 romantic comedy starring Katharine Hepburn and Spencer Tracy, about a reference librarian and the computer expert hired to automate her job.
Dr. Strangelove	PG	Satirical Cold War film about nuclear annihilation and military absurdity.
Dreamgirls	PG-13	Inspired by the story of The Supremes, follows a girl group navigating fame and racism in the music industry.
Dunkirk	PG-13	A gripping depiction of the evacuation of Allied soldiers from Dunkirk during WWII, told through land, sea, and air perspectives.
Elvis	PG-13	Explores the life of Elvis Presley and his relationship with Colonel Tom Parker, set against major shifts in music and race in America.
Fat Man and Little Boy	PG-13	Chronicles the Manhattan Project and the scientists behind the first atomic bombs.
Father Knows Best	TV-G	A classic TV family navigates 1950s American values.
Forrest Gump	PG-13	Follows one man's journey through major U.S. historical events from the 1950s–80s.
Gettysburg	PG	An epic depiction of the pivotal Civil War battle, based on the novel The Killer Angels.
Ghosts of Mississippi	PG-13	Centers on the trial of Byron De La Beckwith, murderer of civil rights activist Medgar Evers.
Glory	R	Chronicles the 54th Massachusetts Infantry Regiment, one of the first African American units in the Civil War.
Glory Road	PG	Story of the first all-Black NCAA starting basketball lineup and the challenges they faced.
Gods and Generals	PG-13	Civil War film centered on Stonewall Jackson and early battles.
Hacksaw Ridge	R	Based on the true story of Desmond Doss, a WWII medic who refused to carry a weapon but earned the Medal of Honor.
Hairspray	PG	Teen musical about desegregation and dancing in 1960s Baltimore.

Hamilton	PG-13	A hip-hop musical adaptation of the life of Alexander Hamilton and the founding of the United States.
Hidden Figures	PG	The untold story of three African American women mathematicians who were vital to NASA's space missions in the 1960s.
Hotel Rwanda	PG-13	A hotel manager uses courage and cunning to shelter over a thousand refugees during the Rwandan Genocide.
I, Robot	PG-13	A detective investigates a robot-related death in a society dependent on artificial intelligence.
In Love and War	PG-13	A romanticized retelling of Ernest Hemingway's experiences as a young ambulance driver in WWI and his first love.
Invictus	PG-13	Nelson Mandela uses rugby to unite post-apartheid South Africa during the 1995 World Cup.
Invincible	PG	Based on the true story of Vince Papale, a bartender who becomes an NFL player during the 1970s.
It's a Wonderful Life	PG	A man learns the value of his life and community through angelic intervention on Christmas Eve.
Joyeux Noël	PG-13	Based on the true WWI Christmas Truce, where soldiers laid down arms to celebrate together.
Les Misérables	PG-13	Musical adaptation of Victor Hugo's novel set during a 19th-century Paris uprising.
Lincoln	PG-13	Focuses on President Abraham Lincoln's political efforts to pass the 13th Amendment during the final months of the Civil War.
Little House on the Prairie	TV-G	Follows the Ingalls family as they settle and live on the American frontier.
MAS*H (TV Series)	TV-PG	Set during the Korean War, the series mixes humor and trauma as doctors and nurses care for soldiers in a mobile army hospital.
Miracle	PG	Tells the story of the 1980 U.S. Olympic hockey team's victory over the USSR.
Miracle on 34th Street	PG	A department store Santa goes to court to prove he's the real Kris Kringle.

Mr. Holland's Opus	PG	A struggling composer becomes a high school music teacher and discovers the profound impact he has on his students over three decades.
National Treasure	PG	A treasure hunter uses historical clues to uncover a hidden trove linked to America's founding fathers.
Newsies	PG	A musical based on the 1899 newsboys' strike in New York City.
October Sky	PG	Based on a true story, a West Virginia teen becomes inspired to build rockets after Sputnik, despite community obstacles.
Pleasantville	PG-13	Two 1990s teens enter a 1950s-style TV show and trigger social awakening.
Ray	PG-13	Biopic of Ray Charles' life, covering his struggles with blindness, addiction, and racism.
Rebel Without a Cause	PG-13	A troubled teen struggles with identity, authority, and relationships in postwar America.
Red Tails	PG-13	Follows the Tuskegee Airmen, a group of African American pilots who fought in WWII despite facing racism and segregation.
Seabiscuit	PG-13	A Depression-era racehorse becomes a national symbol of hope.
Selma	PG-13	Follows Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s campaign for voting rights and the historic 1965 march from Selma to Montgomery.
Six Triple Eight	NR	Chronicles the story of the 6888th Central Postal Directory Battalion, the only all-Black, all-female unit to serve overseas during WWII.
Swing Kids	PG-13	German teens in 1930s Hamburg embrace swing music as rebellion against Nazi control.
The Butler	PG-13	Based on a White House butler who served eight U.S. presidents, witnessing civil rights and political change.
The Crown (series)	TV-MA	A dramatized history of the reign of Queen Elizabeth II, exploring political and personal events over decades.

The Education of Little Tree	PG	A Cherokee boy raised by his grandparents learns values rooted in nature and Native traditions.
The Greatest Showman	PG	A fictionalized musical biography of P.T. Barnum and the rise of the modern circus.
The Hunt for Red October	PG	A Soviet submarine captain attempts to defect to the U.S. during the Cold War in this high-stakes political thriller.
The Long Walk Home	PG	Set during the Montgomery Bus Boycott, it tells the story of two women—one Black, one white—dealing with changing social dynamics.
The Man from Snowy River	PG	An Australian frontier tale of a young man proving himself through hard work and horsemanship.
The Queen	PG-13	Focuses on Queen Elizabeth II's response to the death of Princess Diana and the resulting public relations crisis.
The Right Stuff	PG	Story of the original Mercury 7 astronauts and the start of the U.S. space program.
The Social Network	PG-13	Dramatizes the rise of Facebook and the legal/personal fallout from its creation at Harvard.
The Waltons (TV Series)	TV-G	Chronicles a Depression-era family in rural Virginia through the WWII years.
The Zookeeper's Wife	PG-13	A Warsaw couple hide Jews in their zoo during the Holocaust.
Thirteen Days	PG-13	A dramatization of the Cuban Missile Crisis, showing the tension and decision-making inside the Kennedy administration.
Unbroken (2014)	PG-13	Based on the life of Olympian and WWII bombardier Louis Zamperini, the film follows his survival after a plane crash, 47 days adrift at sea, and enduring brutal treatment as a Japanese POW.
Valkyrie	PG-13	Based on true events, this film follows the plot by German officers to assassinate Hitler and take control of the Third Reich.
W.	PG-13	A biographical film about George W. Bush, examining his personal life and presidency, especially post-9/11.

Walk the Line	PG-13	Chronicles Johnny Cash's early career, marriage to June Carter, and personal struggles.
WALL-E	G	In a dystopian future where Earth has been abandoned due to environmental neglect, a trash-compacting robot discovers a new purpose.
Water for Elephants	PG-13	A Depression-era veterinary student joins a circus and uncovers cruelty and love under the big top.
We Are Marshall	PG	Follows the rebuilding of Marshall University's football team after a tragic plane crash.
Where the Boys Are (1960)	Approved	College women travel to Florida for spring break, exploring gender roles and youth culture.
White Christmas	NR/PG	A musical featuring WWII veterans producing a show to save a failing Vermont inn at Christmastime.