

## AP World History Movie Review

Point value: 30 (assessment/homework)

Task: You will review and evaluate a historical movie related to world history. (Parental advisory. Be sure to get parental permission to view any R-rated movie.)

Length: At least 3 full pages

(Upload to turnitin.com the Sunday before we return)

Your paper must include a thorough analysis of the following:

**Information:** The name of the movie, the director, producer, the main cast, and the year of release. Include when and where you watched the movie and any special comments on its release (was it a part of a series, was it based on a novel, was it a biography, etc.)

**The Plot:** What is the movie about? What is the main story? What are the side/secondary stories? Who are all the characters?

**The Setting:** When and where was the movie set? If several locations were used, were they all depicted realistically? (Were the forests, mountains, rivers, etc. where they should have been for the real setting?) How long a time span did it cover? Were the houses, furnishings, foods, tools, weapons, clothes, hairstyles, shoes, streets, cars, etc. shown with accuracy? Give some examples of period props you think were especially well presented, and those that were especially poorly presented. *You may need to conduct some research.*

**The Reality:** Were there any characters based on real people? If so, who were they and were they treated with historical accuracy? Were

there any real events (battles, migrations, laws, etc?) If so, were they correct as to event, time period, etc.? *It is very likely you will need to do serious research for this part to find out if people and/or events were real and if they were presented accurately.*

**The Evaluation:** Give an overall evaluation of the film. Don't just say, "I liked it because it was a good movie," or "I hated it because it was boring." Like a real film critic, point out the strengths and weaknesses of the movie. Which actors did a good job and which were inadequate? Were there stereotyped roles? Did the story build to a logical climax and resolve itself satisfactorily? Did it hold the viewer's interest? What would have made the film better? Would you recommend the film to another student? Why? Out of 4 stars (4 being the best and 1 being the worst) how many do you give this film and why?

**Picture:** You MUST include a picture of you holding the DVD/VHS of the movie you selected. No picture, no grade! (Doesn't count as one of your pages)

### Available Movies:

*Gandhi* (1982)

*Empire of the Sun*

*The Last Emperor*

*The Killing Fields*

*Thin Red Line*

*Downfall* (subtitled)

*Red Dawn* (1984)

*Legends of the Fall*

*The Deer Hunter*

*Tora! Tora! Tora!*

*Black Hawk Down*

*Hunt for Red October*

*Salvador*

*No Man's Land*