

Movie List for Summer 2013

Over the next couple of weeks we will continue reading and studying about various aspects of U.S. history. To provide an interesting visual depiction of these events, we may watch some movies and documentaries. There will be questions to answer as we watch the movie and an analysis and discussion when the movie is over. There will also be an extension activity after the movie has ended. Please keep in mind we will NOT watch all of the movies listed below. In fact, we may not watch any or only clips from them. It is a list of movies that have been shown in the past. If there are some movies on the list that you do not want your child to see, indicate which in the space at the bottom, and an alternate assignment will be provided if that movie is viewed. Some of the movies have an “R” rating, but if viewed in a safe environment, the film can be beneficial to the learning experience.

Movies

- *The Patriot (2000)*--The film's depiction of the American Revolution provides for a great discussion of the various aspects of the American Revolution: the European style of fighting, the raising of a Continental Army, references to the French and Indian War, and the help of the French in waging the revolution, to name a few. The film has an “R” rating due to strong war violence.
- *Saving Private Ryan (1998)*-- The scenes and information of this movie do a great job of bringing the reality of history's costliest war to its viewers. It also demonstrates the reality of families being broken and lost during a time of war. The film has an “R” rating due to war violence and language.
- *A Bronx Tale (1993)*-- The ideas presented in this film, and its depiction of a part of America, serves as a great introduction to 1960s America. Furthermore, this film does a great job in highlighting the racial tension in 1960s America. The film has an “R” rating due to strong language and violence.
- *Full Metal Jacket (1987)*-- The movie takes place during the height of the Vietnam War, 1968. It does a great job in demonstrating the street-to-street fighting that took place during the Tet Offensive. Moreover, the film focuses on a very important battle during the Tet Offensive, the Battle of Hue—one of longest and bloodiest of the war. The film has an “R” rating due to war violence and language.
- *Thirteen Days (2000)*—Movie about the Cuban Missile Crisis in 1962 and the decisions made by JFK during that time. Rating: PG-13
- *Cinderella Man (2005)*—Inspired by the life of James J. Braddock, this film is about the depression era boxer Braddock and his fight with Max Baer. Rating: PG-13.
- *Patton (1970)*—Movie about U.S. Army General George Patton, his march through North Africa, Sicily, and fighting through Europe. Rating: PG.
- *The Untouchables (1987)*—Prohibition era movie about Federal Agent Eliot Ness and his attempt to stop gangster Al Capone. Rating: R due to violence and language.
- *Black Hawk Down (2001)*-- Action/war drama based on the best-selling book detailing a near-disastrous mission in Somalia on October 3, 1993. On this date nearly 100 U.S. Army Rangers, commanded by Capt. Mike Steele, were dropped by helicopter deep into the capital city of Mogadishu to capture two top lieutenants of a Somali warlord. Rating: R due to war violence and language.

Documentaries

- *The Civil War*—by Ken Burns
 - *The War*—WWII documentary by Ken Burns
 - *Baseball*—by Ken Burns
 - *Scared Straight: 20 Years Later*—by Arnold Shapiro
 - *Bagdad ER*—by John Alpert
 - *Restrepo*—by Sebastian Junger. R Rating due to violence and language.
 - *Trinity and Beyond: The Atomic Bomb Movie*—by Peter Kuran
 - Various other short clips from The History Channel, A&E, PBS and National Geographic
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Parent Signature: _____