

Hamburg Area School District Course Guide

Name:	History vs. Hollywood
Grade(s):	9-12
Length:	Place an X next to the correct option
	Full-Year (180 Sessions)
Х	Semester (90 Sessions)
	Quarter (45 Sessions)
	Other (Specify):
Text:	 Videos (potential movies are not limited to the following films) Movies about the Fall of Antiquity Alexander, Ben-Hur, Clash of The Titans, Gladiator, Spartacus, 300 Movies about the Middle Ages

Description: This course will provide students with an overview of World History as presented through film. It will include an examination of the events depicted in movies before, during and after viewing the work. Analysis of historical accuracy, artistic motives, and overall contribution to the understanding of historical events will be included in the coursework.

Course Name: History vs. Hollywood Unit: Introduction to Film and Course

Time Line: 1 Cycle

Essential Content/ Essential Questions	Performance Objectives	Standards/Anchors
Introduction to course and why we study historically based films.	Identify reasons for taking course. Identify reasons for studying historically based films.	
Introduction of course's Overarching Questions. Overview of "DAILY" Journal/Blackboard	Understand the Overarching Questions and how they apply to the course.	
How should the Overarching Questions be used in comparing scenes from two films from the 1930s (Animal Crackers and Citizen Kane)?	 Understanding the purposes of why films are made. Entertainment, Political Commentary, Social Commentary and Combination 	7.1.12. B 7.3.12. D 7.2.12. B 7.3.12. E 7.3.12. A 7.4.12. A 7.3.12. B 7.4.12. B
What were each film's (A.C./C.K.) purposes to the viewing audience.		7.3.12. C 8.1.12. C 8.1.12. B 8.1.12. D
What is film "propaganda?"	Where is propaganda found in film? Where is propaganda found today?	
What does "based on a true story" actually mean? Why are books made into motion pictures and how many great movies have come from great books?	Review newspaper/On-line reviews of films (critics)	
What is meant by "bias" by an audience?	Understand how are audiences biased by a film either before or after watching?	
How has technology changes similar films like Clash of the Titans: 1981/2010? What impact does colorization of old films (Gone	How does technology add or subtract to a film?	
with the Wind) add or subtract from a film?	Using primary/secondary sources to determine history vs. what is depicted in the film	

Course Name: History vs. Hollywood Unit: Fall of Antiquity (284-700 A.D.)

Essential Content/ Essential Questions	Performance Objectives		Standards/Anchors	
Individual Current Event Presentations	Select a contemporary film and present information as a movie critic.			
	Write a newspaper review as a critic.			
View movie from the Fall of Antiquity time period.	Identify various events from the film to reference against	5.1.12. C	5.1.12. J	
(i.e Gladiator)	historical research.	5.2.12. A	5.2.12. B	
		5.2.12. C	5.2.12. E	
Overarching Questions implementation.	View primary documents and internet sites on events.	5.3.12. G	5.3.12. K	
	Library Research Day.	7.1.12. B	7.3.12. A	
		8.1.12. A	8.1.12. B 8.1.12. C	8.1.12. D
What are the sources needed to be used in developing	Discuss general events from film to factual events in	5.1.12. C	5.1.12. J	
a character in a historically based film?	history. How to use different sources.	5.2.12. A	5.2.12. B	
•		5.2.12. C	5.2.12. E	
	Gather, analyze, and reconcile information from primary	5.3.12. G	5.3.12. K	
	and secondary source to establish position on events.	7.1.12. B	7.3.12. A	
		8.1.12. A	8.1.12. B 8.1.12. C	8.1.12. D
What historical events have had the greatest ability to	Understand how historical events from the Antiquity time	8.1.12. A		
shape the modern world.	period happened using various multimedia technologies.	8.1.12. B		
*		8.1.12. C		
	Analyze how historical events shape the modern world.	8.1.12. D		

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Unit: Middle Ages

Essential Content/ Essential Questions	Performance Objectives	Standards/Anchors
Individual PowerPoint Presentations	Select a historically based film not being shown in the course for a PowerPoint presentation.	8.1.12. A 8.1.12. B 8.1.12. C 8.1.12. D
	Write two-page paper to outline presentation.	8.4.12. A 8.4.12. B 8.4.12. C 8.4.12. D
View movie from the Middle Ages time period. (i.e 1492: Conquest of Paradise)	Identify various events from the film to reference against historical research.	
Overarching Questions implementation.	View primary documents and internet sites on events.	
How were historical and contemporary communications to identify factual accuracy, soundness of evidence, and absence of bias and	Analyze the biases of an individual or event before viewing a movie and then the view of the audience after viewing a movie. (Christopher Columbus)	8.1.12. A 8.1.12. B 8.1.12. C 8.1.12. D
discuss the teaching of as event to different age groups? What research can be used to identify the main character of the film to the actual individual used as a	Write a comparative essay on the individual about myth versus fact.	8.4.12. A 8.4.12. B 8.4.12. C 8.4.12. D
model for that character.	Evaluate historical and contemporary communications to identify factual accuracy, soundness of evidence, and absence of bias and discuss the teaching of as event to different age groups.	
	Basic overview of the role of religion in society.	

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Essential Content/ Essential Questions	Performance Objectives	Standards/Anchors
What are the current issues, events, or themes of today and trace their evolution through historical periods.? (i.e. immigration into the US)	Compare an original film to a remake.	8.1.12. A 8.1.12. B 8.1.12. C 8.1.12. D 8.4.12. A 8.4.12. B 8.4.12. C 8.4.12. D 7.1.12. B 7.2.12. C

Course Name: History vs. Hollywood Unit: 18th Century

Essential Content/ Essential Questions	Performance Objectives	Standards/Anchors
Protest Project/Paper (Group)	Select a contemporary issue to protest and follow the non- violent practices of colonial Americans.	8.1.12. A 8.1.12. B 8.1.12. C 8.1.12. D
	Identify ways that protest to action in colonial times and compare them to protest actions of today.	8.4.12. A 8.4.12. B 8.4.12. C 8.4.12. D
View movie from the 18 th Century time period. (i.e The Patriot)	Investigate the movie's main character from the actual person the lead character is based on.	8.1.12. A 8.1.12. B 8.1.12. C 8.1.12. D
Overarching Questions implementation.	Discuss need to change character for movie from an actual person to a fictional character. Virtual Internet Tour of movie production/film.	
How do individuals express their commitment to a cause leads individuals and government to protect rights?	Analyze the Bill of Rights and the impact that colonial history prior to the document's establishment has in today's society.	5.1.12. B 5.1.12. C 5.1.12. J 5.1.12. M 5.2.12. A 8.4.12. B 8.4.12. C 8.4.12. D
What actions do political activist groups use in their approach to change government policy or social more- ways?	Identify various activist groups and their actions to bring about change in government and in social awareness.	8.1.12. A 8.1.12. B 8.1.12. C 8.1.12. D 8.4.12. A 8.4.12. B 8.4.12. C 8.4.12. D 7.1.12. B 7.2.12. C

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Unit: 19th Century

Essential Content/ Essential Questions	Performance Objectives		Standards/Anchors
Class-wide Slave Debate set in 1860	Students will need to understand that they have to identify a	8.1.12. A	8.1.12. B
	differing position and point of view and respect the right of	8.1.12. C	8.1.12. D
What issues were debated between Abraham Lincoln	difference.	5.1.12. A	
and Steven Douglas in Missouri slave debates in		5.1.12. C	
1858?	Apply the US Constitution and the Amendments against	5.2.12. E	5.2.12. F
	individuals' rights and the rights of the greater population.	5.3.12. A	
View movie from the 19 th Century time period.	Identify the various positions and practices that enlisted	8.1.12. A	8.1.12. B
(i.e Glory)	soldiers had during the Civil War had on slavery and	8.1.12. C	8.1.12. D
	African Americans.		
Overarching Questions implementation.			
	View virtual internet tour of historical locations		
	surrounding a major historical event from the film.		
How have people committed various forms of	Compare and contrast the enslavement of Africans and the	8.1.12. A	8.1.12. B
genocide and compare and contrast current and past	practices of the Antebellum South to the mass genocides of	8.1.12. C	8.1.12. D
genocidal acts and other acts of hatred and violence	Rwanda and Darfur.	8.4.12. A	8.4.12. B
for the purposes of subjugation and exploitation?		8.4.12. C	8.4.12. D
		7.1.12. B	7.2.12. C
What are the ways that slavery and other forms of	View the civil unrest in Africa, Central America, and South	8.1.12. A	8.1.12. B
coerced labor have impacted future generations of	America and what impact European imperialization has had	8.1.12. C	8.1.12. D
those people in today's society and how government	on those countries and what the long-term effects are in the	8.4.12. A	8.4.12. B
has implemented laws to help promote that group's	people of those areas.	8.4.12. C	8.4.12. D
interest. (African Americans and women)	Analyze and compare the ways that slavery and other forms	7.1.12. B	7.2.12. C
	of coerced labor have impacted future generations of those		
	people in today's society and how government has		
	implemented laws to help promote that group's interest.		
	(African Americans and women)		

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Unit: Early 20th Century

Essential Content/ Essential Questions	Performance Objectives	S	tandards/Anchors
Stock Market Tracking and Earning Project	View the circumstances that lead to the stock market	8.1.12. A	8.1.12. B
	collapse of 1929 and the financial crash in the USA in the	8.1.12. C	8.1.12. D
Current events article on a issue from the financial	early 2000s.	6.1.12. A	6.2.12. A
section of a newspaper.		6.1.12. B	6.2.12. B
	Students will select 3 stocks to monitor over the course of	6.1.12. C	6.2.12. C
	the Unit to see how well they "played" the market.		
View movie from the Early 20 th Century time period.	Identify the different ways people survived during the Great	8.1.12. A	8.1.12. B
(i.e Grapes of Wrath/It's A Wonderful Life)	Depression.	8.1.12. C	8.1.12. D
Overarching Questions implementation.	Identify and define margins, loans, and bank runs.		
	List how people supported themselves and their families during the Great Depression.		
What are the different stock markets around the	Identify the symbols and language of the stock market.	6.1.12. A	6.2.12. A
world and understand the different types of markets		6.1.12. B	6.2.12. B
in the USA? (DOW JONES, NASDAQ, S&P 500,	Identify the value of the US Dollar against foreign	6.1.12. C	6.2.12. C
etc.)	currency.		
	Identify the price of Oil and the value of Gold in the volatile market place.		
Current Events PowerPoint presentations on the	Analyze the presentations and discuss the information	6.1.12. A	6.2.12. A
current financial situation or issues of the USA.	presented.	6.1.12. B	6.2.12. B
		6.1.12. C	6.2.12. C
	Identify the role that movies played in the lives of people		
	during the Great Depression.	8.4.12. A	8.4.12. B

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Unit: Late 20th Century

Essential Content/ Essential Questions	Performance Objectives	Standards/Anchors
How does the US Constitution provide and utilize the	Understand Articles 1, 2, and 3 of the US Constitution and	8.1.12. A 8.1.12. B
"checks and balances" found in the US Constitution?	compare it to ways that it is presented in films.	8.1.12. C 8.1.12. D
		5.1.12. A
		5.1.12. C
		5.2.12. E 5.2.12. F
View movie from the Late 20 th Century time period.	Identify the points made in the movie about the wrong	5.3.12. A 8.1.12. A 8.1.12. B
(i.e All The President's Men)	doings of President Nixon and the Watergate scandal.	8.1.12. C 8.1.12. D
Overarching Questions implementation.		
What was the factual information surrounding the	Compare and contrast the media accounts of the scandal	8.1.12. A 8.1.12. B
Watergate scandal and break-in?	(Woodward and Bernstein- Washington Post) printed in the	8.1.12. C 8.1.12. D
	newspaper to the information presented in the film.	8.4.12. A 8.4.12. B
		8.4.12. C 8.4.12. D 7.1.12. B 7.2.12. C
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How does the information presented in interview	Research and explain the major points of the US Supreme	8.1.12. A 8.1.12. B
scenes from "Frost/Nixon" compare to the	Court case, United States v. Nixon, 418 U.S. 683 (1974).	8.1.12. C 8.1.12. D
information found in the media?		8.4.12. A 8.4.12. B
	Analyze and compare interview scenes from "Frost/Nixon"	8.4.12. C 8.4.12. D
	to the information found in the media.	7.1.12. В 7.2.12. С

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Unit: Student Film Production

Performance Objectives	Standards/Anchors
To recreate and present a video/movie scene from one f the	8.4.12. A
films viewed or discussed during the course.	8.4.12. B
	8.4.12. C
To view and critique presentations on the historical merit.	8.4.12. D
Identify the ways that people are directed as a result of	8.4.12. A
	8.4.12. B
	8.4.12. C
Understand how a movie can direct a cause or belief.	8.4.12. D
Research and Identify the top 10 films that are based on	8.4.12. A
historical events and or people.	8.4.12. B
	8.4.12. C
Explain why certain films make the best films list.	8.4.12. D
Explain the value to the audience in viewing historical	8.4.12. A
based movies.	8.4.12. B
	8.4.12. C
Identify the value of movies in today's society.	8.4.12. D
	To recreate and present a video/movie scene from one f the films viewed or discussed during the course. To view and critique presentations on the historical merit. Identify the ways that people are directed as a result of watching a film. Understand how a movie can direct a cause or belief. Research and Identify the top 10 films that are based on historical events and or people. Explain why certain films make the best films list. Explain the value to the audience in viewing historical based movies.