History Through Film

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Course Objective:
In this class we will look at important events in American History through popular film. By watching individual stories, students will gain appreciation of the impact that historical events had on people. Students will also gain understanding of various historical events related to the history content standards.

Class Expectations:
- Class attendance is mandatory. Since many movies will take two weeks to cover.
- Class participation is mandatory (discussions, written work, etc).
- Homework assignments are mandatory.

Grading Guidelines / Credit Earned (possible 2.5 units)
- Grading will be divided into 3 categories, attendance, class participation, and homework assignments. Each category will be given equal weight in determining final grade.
- For full credit to be earned: one credit will be subtracted for every 3 classes absent and for each 5 class assignments and/or homework assignments missed.
- If you would like to receive credit for a full semester class that would count for 5 elective units, please see Matt for additional assignments.

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Parent Permission

In this class we will be watching movies that may contain adult content such as language and violence. An anticipated list of movies that we will watch in class is below. However, this may not be a complete list depending on the direction the class takes. Matt’s website will be updated with the most current movie list.

- Andersonville (not rated, made for TV)
- Glory (rated R for violence and language)
- Patriot (rated R for strong war violence)
- Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee (not rated, made for TV)
- Far and Away (rated PG-13 for some violence and sensuality)
- Saving Private Ryan (rated R for strong, prolonged war violence and language)
- Grapes of Wrath (not rated)
- All the President’s Men (PG, some adult language)
- Apollo 13 (PG, some language)
- 13 Days (PG-13 for brief strong language)
- Good Night and Good luck (PG for mild language)

Please sign below to give your permission for your son or daughter to attend this class and watch these movies.

Signature _______________________________________ Date ___________________