

Film List

1492: Conquest of Paradise (1992) [Famous voyage...probably most accurate]
Last of the Mohicans (1992) [Conflict of cultures during French and Indian War]
The Crucible (1996) [Salem witchcraft ...based on the Miller play]
The Scarlet Letter (1995) [most recent interpretation of Hawthorne's classic novel]
Last of the Mohicans (1992) [Set during the French and Indian War....]
The Crossing (2000) [Washington's famous crossing of the Delaware during the Revolution]
Benedict Arnold: A Question of Honor (2003) [American traitor?]
The Patriot (2000) [The Revolution in the South...patriots v. the brutal Tarleton]
John Adams (2008) [Superb biography of one of the less known, but most important founding fathers]
Drums Along the Mohawk (1939) [Classic about settler's view of the Revolution]
Amistad (1997) [The harsh realities of the mercantilist African slave trade-based on a true incident]
The Alamo (2004, 1960) [Older version more patriotic, newer more cynical...]
Young Mr. Lincoln (1939) [Older, but maybe the best screen portrayal of Lincoln]
Gone with the Wind (1939) [Classic story of the Old South spanning the early war through Reconstruction]
Roots (1977) [TV Epic of a family's journey from enslavement in Africa to freedom]
Gods and Generals (2003) [Prequel to *Gettysburg*]
Gettysburg (1993) [Famous Civil War battle; focuses on generals]
The Hunley (1999) [Tragic tale of the CSA submarine, The Hunley]
Glory (1989) [Famous black Massachusetts regiment at Fort Wagner]
Dances with Wolves (1990) [Epic about the Indian Wars following the Civil War]
Son of the Morning Star (1991) Story of Custer's Last Stand told from the Native American point of view
She Wore a Yellow Ribbon (1949) Custer from the US Army's point of view
The Ox Bow Incident (1943) [Western tragedy regarding the behavior of the "pack"]
High Noon (1952) [One man against an entire town in the Old West...another classic]
Jeremiah Johnson (1972) [Story of 19th century mountain man]
Lonesome Dove (1990) [Made for TV series: tale of former Texas Rangers...]
Gangs of New York (2002) [Violent story of immigrant New York during the Civil War]
Rough Riders (1997) [Great story of Theodore Roosevelt and exploits in Spanish-American War]
Titanic (1997) [Epic version of ill-fated voyage; superb portrayal of class differences]
Legends of the Fall (1994) [Struggle between brothers in the NW]
Paths of Glory (1957) [Hopelessness of WWI]
Gallipoli (1981) [Tragic WWI battle...]
Flyboys (2006) [WWI story of American pilots in the French Lafayette Escadrille]
Sergeant York (1941) ["Common man-pacifist" becomes sharpshooter during WWI]
Reds (1981) [Story of Jack Reed, American journalist who witnessed the Bolshevik Revolution]
Spirit of St. Louis (1957) [Charles Lindbergh crossing the Atlantic for the first time...]
The FBI Story (1959) [Feature film in documentary style about the beginning of the Federal Bureau of Investigation]
Chariots of Fire (1981) dir. [True story of two British runners in the 1924 Olympics]
Paper Moon (1973) [Con artists during the Great Depression]
To Kill a Mockingbird (1962) [Classic story of life in a small, Southern town during the Depression]
Bonnie and Clyde (1967) [Famous outlaws of the thirties...]
Citizen Kane (1941) [Based on flamboyant life of William Randolph Hurst]
Inherit the Wind (1960) [Famous Scopes "Monkey Trial"...evolution...]
All the King's Men (1949) [Based on Warren's book and the life of Huey Long...Southern politics at its worst]
Sunrise at Campobello (1960) [Personal portrait of FDR]
Mr. Smith goes to Washington (1939) [Jimmy Stewart as young, idealistic politician...]
The Grapes of Wrath (1940) Based on Steinbeck's classic story of the Great Depression
Sands of Iwo Jima (1949) [John Wayne leads Marines in taking critical island]
Thirty Seconds over Tokyo (1944) [Jimmy Doolittle's Raid following Pearl Harbor]
Memphis Belle (1992) [Young crew of WWII bomber....]
Midway (1976) [Epic of the battle that became the turning point of the war in the Pacific]
The Enemy Below (1957) [American versus German U-boats in the South Atlantic during WWII]
Tuskegee Army (1995) [Famous squadron of black flyers during WWII]
Flags of our Fathers (2006) [Story of men who raised the flag at Iwo Jima, based on story of one of their sons]
To Hell and Back (1952) [Audie Murphy, most decorated WWII veteran, plays himself]
Twelve O'clock High (1949) [Memoir of the WWII 918th Bomber Group]
Stalag 17 (1953) [American POW's in German camp...sometimes funny, always cynical...]
Tora! Tora! Tora! (1970) [Some say this is the best movie about Pearl Harbor]
Windtalkers (2002) [Famous Navaho code breakers]
Patton (1970) [General George Patton...WWII]
The Longest Day (1962) First, and some say best, movie about D-Day
Ike: Countdown to D-Day (2004) [Strong portrayal of Eisenhower in the period preceding Normandy]

The Great Escape (1963) [WWII allied POW's attempt to escape a Nazi prison camp]
Judgment at Nuremberg (1961) [Famous post-WWII trials]
Truman (1995) [Excellent portrayal of tension-filled Presidential administration]
The Gathering Storm (2002) [Another excellent portrayal...this time of Winston Churchill]
The Best Years of Our Lives (1946) [traumatic adjustments that three returning veteran servicemen experienced in the aftermath of World War II.]
The Aviator (2004) [Based on the extraordinary life of Howard Hughes]
Fat Man and Little Boy (1989) [About the Manhattan Project]
Pollock (2000) [Story of the tortured artist and the post-war art scene]
Twelve Angry Men (1957) [Tensions run high during a murder trial...]
American Graffiti (1973) [Idealized version of American youth during the 1950's]
Rebel Without a Cause (1955) [Teen rebellion...early "realistic" look at the new teenager...]
The Right Stuff (1993) [Epic story of the first astronauts and the breaking of the sound barrier]
October Sky (1999) [Young boys' obsession with building a rocket...great movie]
A Raisin in the Sun (1961) [Based on the Hansberry play about a Chicago family struggling through life]
Thirteen Days (2001) [Cuban Missile Crisis]
Missiles of October (1973) [Also Cuban Missile Crisis]
A Gentlemen's Agreement (1947) [Quiet picture of anti-Semitism in the U.S. following WWII]
Failsafe (1964) [When the order to "nuke" goes very wrong...]
Advise and Consent (1962) [Cold realities of politics...]
The Manchurian Candidate (1962) [Political thriller about brainwashing during Korean War...old version is best]
Seven Days in May (1964) [Cold War tensions over a plan to disarm nuclear arsenals]
Dr. Strangelove or: How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love the Bomb (1964) [Cold War satire...Classic!]
Hamburger Hill (1987) [Brutal rendition of the exploits of 101st Airborne in early days of Vietnam]
Platoon (1986) [Graphic view of the Vietnam War]
Woodstock (1970) [Documentary of the festival advertised as "three days of peace and music"]
The Deer Hunter (1978) [Traces the lives of friends who go to Vietnam and are never the same...]
Malcolm X (1992) [Striking account of one branch of the civil rights movement]
Apollo 13 (1995) [The accident that changed our view of the space program...]
From the Earth to the Moon (1998) [One of the great achievements of modern history...]
All the President's Men (1976) [Investigative reporting that revealed the Watergate scandal]
Joy Luck Club (1993) [Chinese-American women search the past to better understand themselves...]
The Hunt for Red October (1990) [Russian sub commander attempts to defect during the Cold War]
Blackhawk Down (2001) [Graphic illustration of the 1993 incident in Somalia]
Lone Survivor (2013) [Based on Luttrell's experience of being stranded among the Taliban]

Note: All movies are unedited, original versions, many of which contain graphic violence/language. Students and parents should research choices carefully, and every movie will require parental permission.