

World History

Throughout the year we will be showing videos in World History to help emphasize the content material. The videos we will watch help the student in a variety of ways. The costumes in some of the films as well as the language spoke (scene settings) helps the students connect to the culture of the historical time period. All films will have content value and we will not be watching the entire film, only short clips.

For Example: We will be showing the opening scene and the end battle sequence of "Saving Private Ryan". The film is rated "R" due to graphic nature of the violence that takes place during the battle scenes. The scenes include storming the beach of Normandy and protection of a bridge. The lives lost during the Storming of Normandy are best understood visually and the film does a great job staying as true as possible to the historical reality of what actually occurred. Fully understanding the Hollywood aspect of the film it will be good for the students to visually see what we have been discussing in class.

The films have different age ratings ranging from "G" to "R", so I am sending this letter home to be approved by parents. If you have any questions or concerns about your student viewing the scenes I will be available through email. The total time of the scenes will be maximum of 15-20 minutes per film throughout the year.

Students will always have the option to excuse themselves from a specific clip. Also, parents may request that their child be excused for particular clips. For short clips a student can let me know and be excused briefly to the hall. For sequences of clips within a single lesson, an alternate assignment that they can work on in the library will be provided.

Thank you,

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