

AP US Summer at the Movies!
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Welcome to AP US History, you have a chance to spend the summer at the movies! In order to gain a better visual concept of history, you will analyze film to identify key concepts of the time period and how history is being portrayed.

Choose one film from each grouping and one “wild card” pick (can come from any category) for a grand total of five movies. View the film and compose the following about each: (1) Write one paragraph about the historical context of the movie (What era is being portrayed? Major time period/event? Clues from the movie to lead you to this?). Write a second paragraph about whether or not the movie is historically accurate. This may require some research as to what the times were actually like. Be sure to use specific details and scenes from the movie in your responses.

This assignment will be due on the second day of class. You may want to get to know some of your classmates for next year and watch the films together! However, make sure to do your own write-up. If there are any concerns or questions, I will be available through the summer by contacting me through my email address (at the top of the paper). Have fun!

*****Some movies are easier to find than others, most are available at public libraries or streaming-be on the lookout!*****

*****There are Rated R movies on the list; the rating is due to the graphic and/or violent nature of the accounts/ depiction. If this offends you, please choose another film from the list, that is why there are several choices. For some movies, there are edited versions available that will also work.**

***Click on the title of film for a link to the film on IMDB.com
for a preview***

Group 1

[The New World \(2005\)](#) PG-13
[The Crucible \(1996\)](#) PG-13
[The Last of the Mohicans \(1992\)](#) R
[The Patriot \(2000\)](#) R
[1776 \(1972\)](#) PG

Group 2

[Far Horizons \(1955\)](#) not rated
[The Alamo \(2004\)](#) PG-13
[Far and Away \(1992\)](#) PG-13
[Amistad \(1997\)](#) R
[Lincoln \(2012\)](#) PG-13
[Gone With the Wind \(1939\)](#) G
[Glory \(1989\)](#) R
[Dances with Wolves \(1990\)](#) PG-13

Group 3

[Molly Maguires \(1970\)](#) PG
[Newsies \(1992\)](#) PG
[The Untouchables \(1987\)](#) R
[Eight Men Out \(1988\)](#) PG
[The Grapes of Wrath \(1940\)](#) not rated
[Patton \(1970\)](#) PG
[Flags of our Fathers \(2006\)](#) R
[Good Night and Good Luck \(2005\)](#) PG
[Cinderella Man \(2005\)](#) PG-13

Group 4

[Thirteen Days \(2000\)](#) PG-13
[Argo \(2012\)](#) R
[All the President's Men \(1976\)](#) PG
[War Games \(1983\)](#) PG
[Courage Under Fire \(1996\)](#) R
[Bobby \(2006\)](#) R
[We Were Soldiers \(2002\)](#) R
[Selma \(2014\)](#) PG-13

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