



Course Name: Reel America
School Year: 2025-2026

Course Purpose and Relevance:

This course will provide students with an opportunity to analyze the movies and how they have shaped America's perception of its history. The course will investigate historical accuracy, points of view, bias, and perpetuation of historical myth. The students will develop the ability to assimilate, analyze, and understand visual text. Students will also gain an understanding of the movies' impact on American culture, values, beliefs, and behavior.

Overview of Student Outcomes:

The student can

- analyze the movies and how they have shaped America's perception of its history
- investigate historical accuracy, points of view, bias, and perpetuation of historical myth
- describe the movies' impact on American culture, values, beliefs, and behavior
- analyze visual text
- uses problem-solving and decision-making skills, working independently and with others, in a variety of settings
- applies critical-thinking skills to organize and use information acquired from a variety of valid sources, including electronic technology.
- creates written, oral, and visual presentations of social studies information.

How to Assist Your Learner at Home:

Refer to the teacher's Course Syllabus for resources and course specific opportunities. Student textbook and/or digital version are available through the CCISD Student Portal.

Link to Course TEKS on State website:

<http://ritter.tea.state.tx.us/rules/tac/chapter113/ch113c.pdf>

Year-at-a-Glance 25-26

Subject	Reel America	PEIMS Code	
Prerequisites	US History	Grade Level	11-12

Days	Dates	Unit/BB
4	Aug 13-16	<u>History in Film (2 weeks)</u>
5	Aug 18-22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fact v. Fiction • Propaganda and Culture
5	Aug 25-29	<u>American Revolution (1 week)</u>
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Founding Fathers • Constitution
4	Sept 2-7	<u>Westward Expansion (2 weeks)</u>
5	Sept 8-12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lewis and Clark • Manifest Destiny
5	Sept 15-19	<u>Civil War (1 week)</u>
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 54th Massachusetts • North v. South
5	Sept 22-26	<u>World War I (1 week)</u>
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International Conflict
4	Sept 30-Oct 3	Time to complete proficiency with TEKS
4	Oct 6-9	<u>Between the Wars (2 weeks)</u>
3	Oct 15-17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dust Bowl • Prohibition • Great Depression
5	Oct 20-24	<u>World War II (2 weeks)</u>
5	Oct 27-31	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • D-Day • Holocaust • Axis v. Allies
4	Nov 3-7	<u>Civil Rights Movement (1 week)</u>
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Martin Luther King • Jim Crow
5	Nov 10-14	<u>Cold War (2 weeks)</u>
5	Nov 17-21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cuban Missile Crisis • Vietnam War
5	Dec 1-5	<u>Modern America (1 week)</u>
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Post-Cold War • Current Events
5	Dec 8-12	Mastering Reel America
		Time to complete proficiency with TEKS
5	Dec 15-19	Semester Exam Week
5	Jan 6-9	<u>History in Film (2 weeks)</u>
5	Jan 12-16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fact v. Fiction • Propaganda and Culture
4	Jan 20-23	<u>American Revolution (1 week)</u>
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Founding Fathers • Constitution
5	Jan 26-30	<u>Westward Expansion (2 weeks)</u>
5	Feb 2-6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lewis and Clark • Manifest Destiny
5	Feb 9-13	<u>Civil War (1 week)</u>
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 54th Massachusetts • North v. South
4	Feb 17-20	<u>World War I (1 week)</u>
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International Conflict
5	Feb 23-27	Time to complete proficiency with TEKS
5	Mar 2-6	<u>Between the Wars (2 weeks)</u>

4	Mar 16-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dust Bowl • Prohibition • Great Depression
5	Mar 23-27	<u>World War II (2 weeks)</u>
4	Mar 30-Apr 2	
5	Apr 6-10	<u>Civil Rights Movement (2 weeks)</u>
5	Apr 13-17	
5	Apr 20-24	<u>Cold War (2 weeks)</u>
5	Apr 27-May 1	
5	May 4-8	<u>Modern America (1 week)</u>
5	May 11-15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Post-Cold War • Current Events
5	May 11-15	Mastering Reel America Time to complete proficiency with TEKS
4	May 18-21	Semester Exam Week

