

Film & Society - Extension Project

As an end to our early film unit, we're going to broaden our lens beyond the birth of film into classic films of the last 100 years. CHOOSE ONE of the following classic, often-referenced films to watch. Much like we've done with the films of the 1920s & 1930s, you are going to watch the film, analyze it and draw connections to the time in which it was made.

Movie Choices

<i>King Kong</i> (1933)	<i>Tron</i> (1982)	<i>O Brother, Where Art Thou?</i> (2000)
<i>Dracula</i> (1931)	<i>Wall Street</i> (1987)	<i>Napoleon Dynamite</i> (2004)
<i>Frankenstein</i> (1931)	<i>Philadelphia</i> (1993)	<i>Bowling for Columbine</i> (2002)
<i>Some Like it Hot</i> (1959)	<i>Animal House</i> (1978)	<i>Spirited Away</i> (2001)
<i>A Streetcar Named Desire</i> (1951)	<i>Clueless</i> (1995)	<i>Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind</i> (2004)
<i>12 Angry Men</i> (1957)	<i>Say Anything</i> (1989)	<i>Inglorious Basterds</i> (2009)
<i>Invasion of the Body Snatchers</i> (1956)	<i>Ferris Bueller's Day Off</i> (1986)	<i>Avatar</i> (2009)
<i>The Godfather</i> (1972)	<i>Pretty in Pink</i> (1986)	<i>Black Swan</i> (2010)
<i>Blazing Saddles</i> (1974)	<i>Office Space</i> (1999)	<i>Inception</i> (2010)
<i>Jaws</i> (1975)	<i>Pulp Fiction</i> (1994)	<i>American Sniper</i> (2014)
<i>Fast Times at Ridgemont High</i> (1982)	<i>Heathers</i> (1988)	<i>12 Years a Slave</i> (2014)
<i>Apocalypse Now</i> (1979)	<i>Falling Down</i> (1993)	<i>Inside Out</i> (2015)
<i>Do the Right Thing</i> (1989)	<i>Reality Bites</i> (1994)	<i>Get Out</i> (2017)
<i>Rocky Horror Picture Show</i> (1975)	<i>The Matrix</i> (1999)	<i>Black Panther</i> (2018)
<i>Boyz n' the Hood</i> (1991)	<i>Fight Club</i> (1999)	<i>Parasite</i> (2020)
<i>Rocky</i> (1976)	<i>Good Will Hunting</i> (1997)	
<i>Flashdance</i> (1983)		

Questions to address

1. SUMMARY: What is the basic plot of the film? (Bullet your plot summary)
2. OPINION: (Write one paragraph for each of the 2 questions = 2 paragraphs total, 1 for each question)
 - What did you think of the film? Did you enjoy it? Would you recommend it to a friend? (Why or why not?)
 - CHOOSE ONE of the following questions to answer:
 - Who was your favorite character? Why?
 - What was the best scene in the movie? Explain.
 - What is one thing you would like to have changed about the film? Explain.
3. ANALYSIS: (Either descriptive bullets or complete sentences)
 - FIRST, do some reading about the decade in which the film was released. Bullet the main events/themes/values of that decade. (*Pop Culture Universe* has solid overviews of each decade if you need one)
 - SECOND, what does the film tell us about life in the U.S. at the time it was made? What connections or parallels can you see between events, values or norms in the time and the film itself? (Make at least 3-5 connections to the events of the time.)

