



Film Studies

Ms. Liz Smith

It's a great day to be a MINER!

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Appointments: 7:00-7:25 A.M./2:30-3:00 P.M.

Welcome to Film Studies! Film Studies is designed to help students enrich their understanding of the world of film and the media arts. We will explore the film making process, theme recognition, director intent, film history, and critical analysis.

Materials Needed: You will be required to bring the following materials to class **EVERY DAY:**

1. A writing utensil

Classroom Policies and Procedures

Attendance: All students are expected to attend class. The award of credit in this class is subject to the conditions outlined in the Bingham High School Attendance Policy. Absences in excess of 3 per class per quarter that are not made up or waived through the appeals process will result in loss of course credit regardless of the course grade.

Tardies: This class adheres to the BHS tardy policy. Each student must be ready to start when the bell rings so that s/he may gain the full benefit of the day's activities and not disrupt the educational opportunity of others. Tardiness is defined as not being in the classroom, seated, with the required materials when the bell rings. Any tardy past 15 minutes will need to be checked in with the attendance office and will be considered an absence. Each tardy deducts 5 points from the day's participation. Points deducted for tardies cannot be made-up.

Absences: If absences are planned in advance (e.g. school activities or family vacations) or for extended medical reasons, arrangements need to be made with me prior to the missing class. Absences for any other reason need to be excused in accordance with school policy. It is the student's responsibility to find out what s/he missed and make it up. Students will have one week to watch any movie they missed. A note must be signed by the parent confirming the student did watch the movie.

Grading and Late Work: Grading will be on a points total basis. Each assignment, test, quiz, performance, and participation will be assigned points that will total up to your final grade.

Students will receive ten points of participation every day. Students who actively watch the movies and engage in class discussions will receive full points. Points will be lost for students doing the following during the movies: homework, talking, writing notes, texting, any use of electronics, primping, sleeping, or any other disruptive behavior.

I understand that everyone makes mistakes or needs an extension from time to time. Therefore, I will allow students to turn in two homework passes per quarter. These passes will be given to you at the beginning of the quarter and may be used as an extension towards ONE assignment of your choice. Each pass gives you a ONE WEEK extension for the assignment. The assignment and the pass must be turned in no later than one week from the original due date in order to be accepted. Students are only allowed to turn in two homework passes per quarter and cannot borrow a friend's pass if they have already used their own. If a student chooses not to use their homework passes, they can turn their blank passes in at the end of the quarter for 10 points extra credit each. You are responsible for your homework passes-keep them in a safe place, as you will only be given them at the beginning of the quarter. If a student has already used up his/her passes then he or she cannot turn in late work after this point.

Grading Scale:

A 94-100	A- 90-93	B+86-89	B 83-86	B- 80-82	C+76-79
C 73-75	C- 70-72	D+ 66-69	D 63-65	D- 60-62	F 59 and below

Extra Credit: Extra credit will be offered throughout the year at the teacher's discretion. Ms. Smith will announce extra credit opportunities when they become available. Extra credit will not be awarded to students who have missing assignments.

Plagiarism Policy: Plagiarism is stealing someone else's ideas or work and presenting them as your own. It is a serious offense which is unethical, violates the rules of student conduct, and may be a violation of copyright law. Whenever you borrow information for a paper, you must give proper reference and cite your sources. This gives proper credit to the creator of the work, it allows the reader to locate the original information, and it lends credibility to your work. The first offense (including cheating) will result in the loss of all points for that assignment and a phone call home. On the second offense, the student will receive an "F" in the class for that quarter.

Hall Pass: Use of the hall pass is per the teacher's discretion. Any student gone longer than ten minutes will be marked as truant.

Classroom Expectations:

1. Be respectful towards yourself and others.
2. Come to class prepared and ready for work.
3. Keep all electronic devices on silent and out of sight!
4. No food or drink (water is okay).

Following the classroom expectations will result in the following:

1. Earning of daily points
2. A respectful and harmonious learning environment
3. Happy peers.
4. A happy teacher.

Failure to follow the classroom expectations will be subject to the following:

1. Loss of participation points
2. Teacher/Student meeting
3. Administration referral
4. Parent/Teacher conference
5. Parent/Teacher/Administrator conference

Film Studies Movie List

We watch a selection of the following movies to support the elements of film we study through the semester. Movies and/or clips will be shown daily. All videos are district approved with a G, PG, or PG13 rating. No "R" rated movies or clips will be allowed in the classroom. Please review the list with your student. This is a list of all of the movies in our Film Studies department. If you (or your student) have questions, concerns, or there are films **you do not want your student to view**, please e-mail me at elizabeth.smith2@jordandistrict.org. Alternate films will be offered as necessary. We watch approximately 20 movies per semester. Keep this list for future reference.

12 Angry Men-NR 2001: A Space Odyssey- PG An Affair to Remember- NR Apollo 13- PG A.I.: Artificial Intelligence- PG13 All Quiet on the Western Front-NR Back to the Future 1-3-PG A Beautiful Mind- PG13 Bicentennial Man- PG Big Fish- PG13 Birds, The- PG13 Birth of a Nation- NR Bourne Identity, The- PG13 Boy in the Striped Pajamas-PG13 Butch Cassidy & the Sundance Kid-PG Casablanca- PG Citizen Kane- NR City of Ember-PG Crouching Tiger Hidden Dragon-PG13 Dances with Wolves-PG13 Dead Poet's Society-PG13 Dial M for Murder- NR Doubt- PG13 Dr. Zhivago-NR Enchanted- PG Express, The- PG Far and Away- PG13 Finding Nemo- G Forever Strong-PG13 Gone with the Wind- G Goonies-PG Grapes of Wrath- NR Groundhog Day- PG Incredibles-PG	Hairspray-PG Harry Potter Series-PG13 High Noon- NR Hotel Rwanda-PG13 Illusionist, The- PG13 Independence Day-PG13 Indiana Jones II-III- PG13 I, Robot-PG13 Invictus-PG13 Juno- PG13 Jurassic Park 1-3- PG13 League of Their Own, A- PG Life is Beautiful- Pg13 Lord of the Rings Trilogy-PG13 Madagascar-PG Maltese Falcon, The- NR Maverick- PG Man Who Knew Too Much, The- PG Memphis Belle-PG13 Million Dollar Baby- PG13 Moulin Rouge- PG13 Mr. Smith Goes to Washington-NR My Big, Fat, Greek Wedding-PG My Fair Lady-NR Nightmare Before Christmas, The- PG North by Northwest-NR Ocean's 11- PG13 On the Waterfront- NR Pay it Forward-PG13 Pearl Harbor-PG13 Pirates of the Caribbean PG-13 Pleasantville- PG13 Princess Bride, The- PG Pursuit of Happyness-PG13 Raiders of the Lost Ark- PG Ratatouille-G	Rear Window- PG Renaissance Man-PG13 Rocky- PG Rocky IV- PG Roman Holiday- NR Romeo and Juliet- PG Rope- NR Sabrina- NR Secret Life of Bees, The- PG13 Seven Pounds- PG13 Silverado- PG13 Singin' in the Rain- G Snow White- G Some Like It Hot- NR Spartacus-NR Stand and Deliver-PG Star Wars IV-VI- PG Sting, The- PG Tootsie- PG Toy Story-PG True Stories- PG Truman Show, The- PG Wait Until Dark- NR Wall-E- G Wallace & Grommit: The Curse of the Were-Rabbit- PG War of the Worlds-PG13 We are Marshall- PG West Side Story- NR Wizard of Oz, The- G Young Frankenstein- PG
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Signature Sheet

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Yes, I have read Ms. Smith's disclosure for Film Studies and am willing to follow the class policies as outlined. I also understand that in the event of a question or concern in regards to this class (rules, assignments, policies, or grades), I will request a conference with Ms. Smith to discuss the matter.

Print Student Name: _____

Date: _____

Student Signature: _____

Yes, I have read Ms. Smith's disclosure for Film Studies and am willing to help my student follow the class policies as outlined. I have also reviewed the movie list and have e-mailed concerns to elizabeth.smith2@jordandistrict.org.

Print Parent Name: _____

Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Email address: _____

Parents,

In an effort to encourage the students to take responsibility for their behavior, work, and grades, I ask that you first encourage your student to come and talk to me if a problem, question, or concern arises. However, if you feel that the student/teacher meeting does not resolve the concern, please feel free to contact me via email or by calling the Bingham High School Main Office and leaving a message. I will respond as soon as possible.

BHS Administrator Signature _____

Teacher Signature _____