United States History and Government Kailua High School Social Studies Requirement 2021-2022 Mr Wilson

Historical Inquiry Benchmark SS. 10.2.2	Determine the relevance of sources and assess their credibility Distinguishes information that is essential versus
Sample Performance Assessment (SPA)	information that is incidental to research and examines the sources to determine their reliability based on the criteria of accuracy and bias.
Skills for Life and Work: Students develop skills and attributes that are critical to a person's ability to successfully navigate the world in and out of school, at work, and at home: thinking and reasoning skills, skills for managing information	Thinking and Reasoning  Use efficient learning techniques to acquire and apply new knowledge and skills  Managing Resources  Identify, organize, plan, and allocate time, material, facilities to accomplish a task
GLO#3: Complex thinker Demonstrate critical thinking	GLO#5: Effective Communicator Ability to communicate effectively

## Movie Analysis Rubric

Movie Citation Example: <u>The Last Samurai</u>. Warner Brothers. 2003.

ADVANCED (typed)	PROFICIENT (typed)	PARTIALLY	NOVICE (typed)
·		PROFICIENT (typed)	·
Course heading is included	Course heading is included	Course heading is inaccurate	Course heading not
			included
Movie is correctly cited ( <u>Title</u> .	Movie is correctly cited ( <u>Title</u> .	Movie is incorrectly cited	Movie is not cited
Company. Year. [see above] )	Company. Year. [see above] )		
Analysis includes a brief	Analysis includes a brief	Analysis includes a summary	Analysis includes a
summary of the movie that	summary of the movie that	of the movie that excludes	summary of the movie
includes main character or	includes main character or	one or more of the following:	that is vague and does
supporting character, plot,	supporting character, plot,	main character or supporting	not include time period
setting, and time period or	setting, and time period or Stage	character, plot, setting, and or	or Stage of History in
Stage of History in which the	of History in which the movie	Stage of History in which the	which the movie takes
movie takes place	takes place	movie takes place	place
Analysis includes description	Analysis includes description of	Analysis excludes description	N.A.
of the scene that has been	the scene that has been chosen	of the scene that has been	
chosen to present to the class	to present to the class	chosen to present to the class	
Analysis explains why the	Analysis does not explain why	N.A.	N.A.
scene is important: it explains	the scene is important.		
the plot; describes the main			
character; or brings the plot to			
its conclusion			
Analysis begins with historical	Analysis begins with historical	Analysis begins with historical	Analysis begins with
statement that indicates	statement that indicates whether	statement but omits whether	movie summary
whether movie is based on	movie is based on history or	movie is based on history or	

history or fiction	fiction	fiction	
Analysis includes commentary	Analysis includes commentary	Analysis includes commentary	Analysis omits reference
about historical accuracy of	about historical accuracy of the	about movie's relation to	to history
the movie and provides	movie but provides no	history, but omits reference to	
resources.	resources.	accuracy of the movie	
Analysis explains that the	Analysis explains that the movie	Analysis expresses that the	Analysis omits reference
movie is fictional and states	is fictional and states where the	movie is fictional but does not	to fiction
where the story comes from: a	story comes from: a book, a play,	state where the story comes	
book, a play, a short story, or a	a short story, or a screen play but	from (has no research)	
screen play and includes in	omits in what way the movie is		
what way the movie is	different than the book, play, or		
different than the book, play,	short story on which it is based		
or short story on which it is	(has done minimal research)		
based (this requires research)			

ADVANCED	PROFICIENT	PARTIALLY	NOVICE
		PROFICIENT	
Analysis includes the historical	Analysis includes the historical	Analysis is uncertain about the	Analysis omits reference to
thread of the movie and	thread of the movie and "kind	historical thread of the movie	any historical thread
explains what the movie tells	of" explains what the movie	and "kind of" explains how	
us about history or U.S. History	tells us about history or U.S.	the movie relates to history or	
(has done extensive research)	History (has done some	U.S. History (has no research)	
	research)		
Analysis includes at least 3 of	Analysis includes at least 2 of	Analysis simply lists themes	Themes of History are
the Themes of U.S.History by	the Themes of U.S. History by	that are in the movie and does	muddled or omitted
integrating themes into	integrating themes into	not integrate themes as part	
analysis rather than simply	analysis rather than simply	of analysis	
listing themes that are in the	listing themes that are in the		
movie	movie		
Analysis includes in what ways	Analysis includes in what ways	Analysis "kind of" tells us how	Analysis "kind of" tells us
the movie tells us about the	the movie tells us about the	the movie relates to the	about the movie but does
present by explaining how the	present by explaining how the	present	not relate the movie to the
movie's thematic relevance	movie's thematic relevance		present
can be seen in extant cultural,	can be seen in extant cultural,		
religious, political, social,	religious, political, social,		
economic, educational,	economic, educational,		
environmental, scientific,	environmental, scientific,		
technological, or militaristic	technological, or militaristic		
practices	practices		

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## Movie Analysis

Almost to the point of replacing religious rituals, movie viewing is part of global society. The predominance of audio-visual messages, combined with the coming photonic revolution, will certainly recreate society in ways unimaginable. Our imaginations easily grasp the notion of holographic theme parks where we will stroll among dinosaurs or ancient Chinese Dynasties. However, what will come from unimaginable possibilities some historians envision "post" or "sub" human realities. Since the realm of the future belongs to the young as that which cannot be repaired or avoided, it is the role of teachers to prepare the young for possibilities unknown.

One way for this preparation is to critically examine the audio-visual world of movies. We will restrict the subject of the movies to history in general and United States History in particular. Examples of movies that are about history in general are 2001: A Space Odyssey and its sequel 2010. Other examples include Timeline, From Hell, Indiana Jones: Raiders of the Lost Ark, Time Bandits, Schindler's List, Legend, The Great Dictator, Blade Runner, Blade Runner 2049, Free Jack, The Thirteenth Warrior, Lucy, Star Wars or Matrix.

Examples of movies that are about United States History in particular are <u>Little Big Man</u>, <u>The Natural</u>, <u>The Contender</u>, <u>Wag the Dog</u>, <u>Apollo 13</u>, <u>The Right Stuff</u>, <u>The Last Samurai</u>, <u>The Godfather</u>, <u>Independence Day</u>, <u>The Distinguished Gentleman</u>, <u>Private Ryan</u>, <u>Head of State</u>, <u>Dave</u>, <u>Thirteen Days</u>, <u>The American President</u>, <u>Geronimo</u>, <u>The San Francisco Kid</u>, <u>The Patriot</u>, <u>Pearl Harbor</u>, <u>The Pelican Brief</u>, <u>Runaway Jury</u> and <u>Dances with Wolves</u>, <u>Hidden Figures</u>.

## Analyzing the Movie

Prior to beginning your analysis, you must tell me what movie you are considering.

- 1. Choose a movie that you understand because you have to summarize the story of the movie in front of class, and you have to tell the class what the movie tells us about history or US History by analyzing the movie for its thematic content. You will write out both the summary of the movie and your understanding of the movie as it relates to historical themes. (History in general will use the Five Themes for World History, and U.S. History will use the themes from U.S. History and Government.)
- 2. Select a scene from the movie that unfolds or brings to a climax the meaning/action/or plot of the movie. The test for the scene is to ask yourself: if the scene were left out, would the movie still make sense? If the answer is yes, do not choose that scene.
- 3. Describe in writing what happens in the scene that you have chosen and explain in writing how it relates to the story of the movie.
- 4. On the day of your presentation, you cannot rely on an Internet data base. You need your movie/movie scene on a DVD, flash drive, or streaming site that is accessible with the school Internet. You will que up your scene before your presentation. Practice your presentation at home. You will need to prepare a transition between your explanation of how the movie relates to history and the presentation of your scene.
- 5. Without reading, present to the class your summary of the movie, and explain to the class what the movie tells us about history/US History.
- 6. Briefly describe the scene that you have chosen.
- 7. Play the scene.

8. Lead the class in discussion about what your selected movie tells us about history/US History

## Procedure:

Get approval of the movie. Write out citation of movie; summary of movie; historical relevance and historical themes; historical accuracy; scene description and how it relates to the movie.

Go to front of class. Load DVD or load streaming source.

Introduce yourself. (Hello, my name is Leonard Wilson and I am presenting the movie <u>The Last Samurai</u>.) Introduce movie and summarize it. Relate to the class what the movie tells us about history, the historical themes in the movie, the movie's historical accuracy, and the significance of the theme that you have chosen. Play the scene. Stop DVD or streaming. Engage the class by asking questions. Turn in write up after presentation.