SUMMER MOVIE ASSIGNMENT

It is recommended that you purchase AMSCO 2015. This book is aligned with the AP US HISTORY TEST. The link is: <http://www.amscopub.com/viewProduct.php?productID=1287101>.

Attached is a movie list. You must watch 8 movies from the list. You should choose movies that cover all periods of US History:  **American Revolution, the Civil War, the Gilded Age, WWI, 1920’s to WWII, Vietnam, Civil Rights Struggle, Contemporary US History**.

Suggested movies for some of the periods are as follows: American Revolution: The Patriot; the Civil War: Gettysburg; the Gilded Age: History Channel Series: The Men Who Built America; WWI: ; 1920’s thru WWII: Cinderella Man; Contemporary History: Argo

**After you watch a movie you must write a ½ to 1 page review of the movie**. You must tell me the following in your review:

1. What did you think of the movie?

2. Was the movie accurate? Is it a good portrayal of the historical event?

3. From what perspective is the story told? Does that bear any significance on the validity of the movie?

***SIMPLE!***

**These reviews are due the first day of school. All 8. It will be your first grade.**

**Why?** It is important for you to be exposed to different periods of history before you begin reading and studying it. It gives you an understanding of the period, its people, its cultures, its issues. It gives you a picture and reference point that you can add to with your text book reading, lectures, and our discussions in class. It provides the foundation for your learning of all of this material…

**The List.** The list is a compilation of movies that have been suggested by AP teachers all over the country. The list provides more contemporary movies, some classics, and even some documentaries. It is helpful to try and see all sorts of different movies because they approach the period and information in different lights.

The movies are almost all PG and PG-13. There are a handful that are rated R, and they are rated that way for violence. Good war movies are difficult to find with a PG rating because of the bloodshed. I believe that the bloodshed is important to understanding the sacrifice and mood of the event, but I AM NOT GIVING YOU PERMISSION TO SEE A RATED R MOVIE- that is something that has to be ok’d by your parent. I might even suggest that you watch these movies (if you choose them) with a parent in order to be provided with an opportunity to discuss any topic that you are uncomfortable with. If you do not have permission to watch a rated R movie, then choose a different movie- there are plenty of others.

**“I’ve Seen It Before**”. Then do not see it again. Choose new movies so that you can broaden your understanding and foundation for learning all of this history. This assignment is not over-burdensome, so choose new movies to make sure you get the benefit of it.

**“Can I watch with friends?”** ABSOLUTELY! Make popcorn too! Just make sure your reviews are different.