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Since its release, The *Godfather* is widely regarded as one of the greatest and most influential films ever made, especially in the gangster genre. It was selected for preservation in the U.S. National Film Registry of the Library of Congress in 1990, being

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VIII. "You cannot say 'no' to the people you love, not often. That's the secret. And then when you do, it has to sound like a 'yes'. Or you have to make them say 'no.' You have to take time and trouble."

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aesthetically significant" and is ranked the second-greatest film in American cinema (behind *Citizen Kane*) by the American Film Institute. It was followed by sequels *The Godfather Part II* (1974) and *The Godfather Part III* (1990).

The Godfather Quotes

I. "I'm gonna make him an offer he can't refuse."

II. "Great men are not born great, they grow great . . ."

III. "Friendship is everything. Friendship is more than talent. It is more than the government. It is almost the equal of family."

IV. "Never hate your enemies. It affects your judgment."

V. "Revenge is a dish that tastes best when served cold."

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