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Unit  
Movies





# Movie Reviews

## What are Movie Reviews?

During the unit, you will need to watch ONE movie picked from my approved list from the tab "Unit Movies" found within the various units on [DrHartnell.com](http://DrHartnell.com). You will need to watch this movie at home or during a work day, so be sure to bring headphones/ear buds.

### "Johnny Tremain" (1957, Rated PG)

Johnny Tremain is drawn into the American Revolution and becomes a patriot fighting to free the colonies from England. Along the way he learns about life and about himself.

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### "The Last of the Mohicans" (1992, Rated R)

Three trappers protect the daughters of a British Colonel in the midst of the French and Indian War.

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### "Lincoln" (2012, Rated PG-13)

As the Civil War continues to rage, America's President struggle the battlefield as he fights with many inside his own Cabinet on the slaves.

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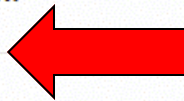
### "Little Women" (2019, Rated PG)

In the years after the Civil War, Jo March lives in New York City as a writer, while her sister Amy March studies painting in Paris. Amy's childhood crush, Theodore "Laurie" Laurence, a childhood crush who proposed to her, is rejected. Their oldest sibling, Meg March, is married to a school teacher who develops a devastating illness that brings the family back together.

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NOTE: If you are NOT permitted to watch R-rated movies, do NOT pick a movie that is rated as such (nice try). This assignment is NOT giving you permission to watch R-rated movies if you are not allowed. If your parents/guardians permit you to do so, then so be it. For this reason, I made sure to also include PG, PG-13, and Made-For-TV movies in the list. I have provided links to the Internet Movie Database (IMDb) so you can see what it is rated, read reviews, and watch trailers to determine if this is a film you are allowed to watch (or want to watch).





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Most of these movies are available for free on any number of streaming services or on-line. Please do NOT feel as though you need to purchase or pay money to rent a movie. If you have questions, concerns, or issues finding a movie, please let me know. (That being said, do NOT wait until the day everything is due to tell me you were unable to find a movie.)

Once you have viewed your movie, write up a review in a Google Doc by answering the Movie Review questions (found on the next two pages). You earn **25 points** for completing the Movie Review.

**Lincoln**  
2012 · PG-13 · 2h 30m

IMDb RATING: 7.3/10 (260K) | YOUR RATING: Rate | POPULARITY: 2,153 +315

12 VIDEOS | 99+ PHOTOS

Watch on Prime Video | rent/buy from \$3.99

More watch options | Add to Watchlist

Director: Steven Spielberg

Biography | Drama | History

As the American Civil War continues to rage, America's president struggles with continuing carnage on the battlefield as he fights with many inside his own cabinet on the decision to emancipate the slaves.

I have rounded up as many different kinds of movies to cover a range of topics that fit the material for each unit. This includes movies about war, social justice, everyday life, sports, science, etc.

My movie lists contain between 30-60 titles per unit. However, if there is a film that you do not see on the list that you would like for me to watch and add, please let me know! I love a good movie!

**Glory**  
1989 · R · 2h 2m

IMDb RATING: 7.8/10 (134K) | YOUR RATING: Rate | POPULARITY: 2,418 +2

1 VIDEO | 99+ PHOTOS

Watch on SHOWTIME | with Prime Video Channels

More watch options | Add to Watchlist

Director: Edward Zwick

Biography | Drama | History

Robert Gould Shaw leads the U.S. Civil War's first all-black volunteer company, fighting prejudices from both his own Union Army, and the Confederates.





## Part 1

The following questions come from *Focus: The Art and Soul of Cinema* (Damaris, 2007). They are intended to help you organize your thinking as you watch the selected movie. Type your answers in a Google Doc and share it with Dr. Hartnell when you are done.

### 1. Initial Response

- 1-A. What movie did you watch? In what year was it released?
- 1-B. What will you remember the most about the movie?
- 1-C. Would you watch the movie again? Why or why not?
- 1-D. Would a second viewing be different? What might you focus on when watching the movie again?
- 1-E. How might different people view this movie (gender, age, race)?

### 2. Popular Culture

- 2-A. How popular is this movie? How did it do at the box office?
- 2-B. What kind of reviews did this movie receive? Why do you think it got these reviews?
- 2-C. How influential is this movie? Did it "inspire" or cause any trends in society?
- 2-D. What aspect of history did this movie attempt to address?
- 2-E. How historically accurate was this movie? Was it applauded or criticized for the manner in which the material was presented?

### 3. Quality

- 3-A. What did you think of the cast? Were they believable?
- 3-B. Which actor turned in the best performance in the movie?
- 3-C. What emotional effect did the soundtrack create?
- 3-D. Did you feel like you were "in" the time period presented? Explain why that was (or wasn't) the case.
- 3-E. Did the movie's rating (PG, PG-13, R) impact the way in which the material was presented?





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## Part 2

### 4. Narrative

- 4-A. What was the plot? Provide a summary (max of 10 sentences).
- 4-B. Does the movie feature a single protagonist or multiple protagonists? Did they share the same goal(s)?
- 4-C. What problem(s) was/were faced by the protagonist?
- 4-D. Was the end of the movie closed or open to a sequel? Was/were the key problem(s) solved? Why or why not?
- 4-E. Historically speaking, did the movie add in characters or include more action/drama than what really happened? If so, provide an example of history being "Hollywood-ed" in this movie.

### 5. Themes

- 5-A. What was/were the key theme(s)? (Ex: morality)
- 5-B. How did the theme(s) develop and become clear?
- 5-C. How was/were the theme(s) explored and emphasized?
- 5-D. How do other movies handle similar themes? In other words, is this movie's theme one that's used in a lot of other movies?
- 5-E. Were there religious themes or connections? How is faith treated (if at all) in this movie?

### 6. Verdict

- 6-A. How many "stars" (out of 5) would you award this movie? Why?
- 6-B. Use two words to describe this movie.
- 6-C. What quote will you remember from this movie? Who said it? What made it stand out to you?
- 6-D. What scene was your favorite in the movie? Why?
- 6-E. Would you recommend this movie to anyone? Why or why not?





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## Setting up a Google Doc for Movie Reviews

Pictured below is an example of how to set up a Google Doc to house the answers for the Movie Reviews.

Even though your name is on the Google Doc file, it does not hurt to put this information on the first page.

Johnny Spartan  
Period #2  
Unit #1

### Movie Review: Saving Private Ryan

#### 1. INITIAL RESPONSE:

**I-A. What movie did you watch?**  
[Type your answer here.]

**I-B. What will you remember the most about the movie?**  
[Type your answer here.]

**I-C. Would you watch the movie again?**  
[Type your answer here.]

**I-D. Would a second viewing be different?**  
[Type your answer here.]

**I-E. How might different people view the movie?**  
[Type your answer here.]

#### 2. POPULAR CULTURE:

**2-A. How popular is this movie? How do you know?**

The Movie Review contains six total sections:

1. *Initial Response*
2. *Popular Culture*
3. *Quality*
4. *Narrative*
5. *Themes*
6. *Verdict*

Each section contains five specific questions pertaining to that topic.

You can copy and paste the questions from the review sheet and type your answers underneath. You can put more than one section on the same page OR you can place each on its own page.

You MUST indicate WHICH movie you have selected by typing the title at the top.

when watching the movie

You do NOT need to use color, although doing such can make things easier to find, etc.

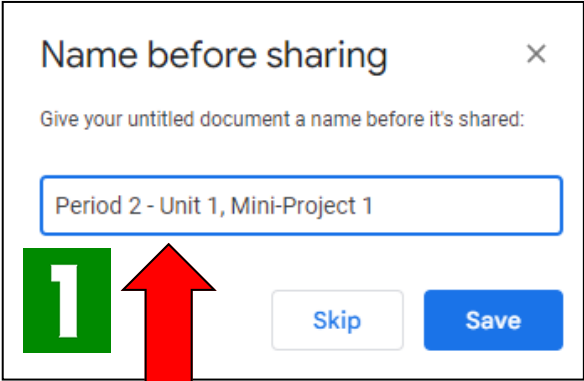




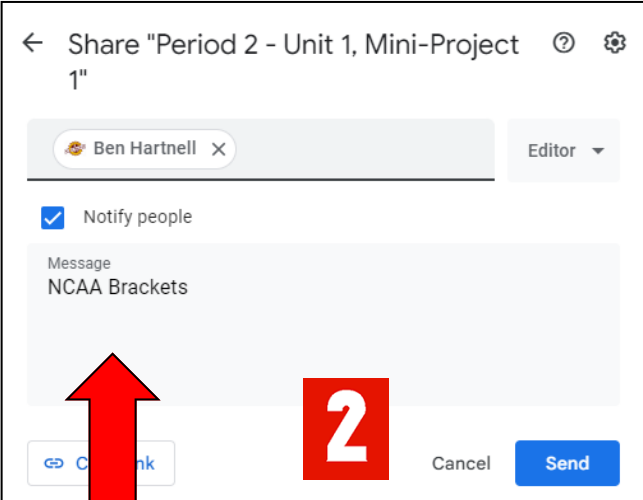
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## How do I submit Movie Reviews?

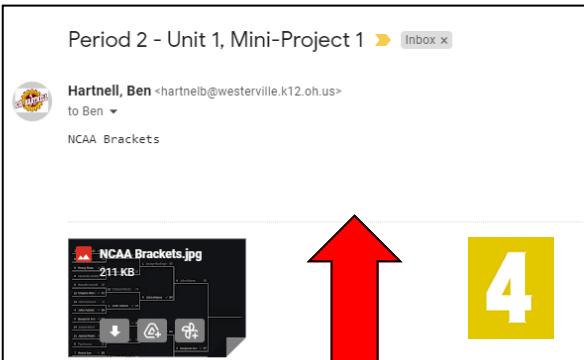
Properly submitting Movie Reviews is very important. These steps MUST be followed or the assignment will be returned!



When you share Google Docs or Google Slides, follow the prompts and use your period, unit, and the assignment category (Mini-Project, Big Project, Movie Review, etc.) as the new name.



After selecting my name, be sure to type the specific project choice in the message box (or in this case, the name of the movie). Do not make me guess what you are sharing!



If you e-mail, use the same details in the subject (period, unit, category). Type the name of the movie as the text of the e-mail. Remember the attachment!

