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## *D*irections

This assignment asks you to watch a film and write a film review. Remember to express yourself fully, and carefully in your answers, using the skills you have learned in Language Arts class this year.



# FILM CRITIC ASSIGNMENT: THE CIVIL WAR ERA

You may chose to obtain a copy of a historical film, watch the film, and do a film review. I am not checking out these movies, and assume you will check them out on your own. You *may* watch these films with other students from your team, **as long as the report is in your own words. Be sure to okay any film you watch with your parents to make sure that the contents would not offend your family standards.** Ask me if you have any questions about this.

**YOUR FILM CHOICES ARE:** (You may submit more than one film review.)

1. The Red Badge of Courage (1950)
2. Shenandoah (1967)
3. Glory (R) (1989)
4. Gettysburg (1993)
5. Andersonville (1995)
6. Gods and Generals (2003)
7. Lincoln (2013)

## **FILM REVIEW INSTRUCTIONS:**

Your film review is to include the following:

- The name of the film, what year it came out, and who directed it.
- A plot summary of the film (in other words - what happened?) Note: This should be at least a page long.
- A description of three of the major characters in the film. Note: Each character description should be one paragraph long or more.
- Your favorite and least favorite characters. Why?
- Your favorite and least favorite scenes in the film. Why?
- What evidence did you see in this movie of bias toward one side or other, or distortion and invention of facts? Would you recommend this film to others who might take this class? Why or why not?

## **STANDARDS FOR GRADING THIS FILM REVIEW:**

### **GRADE C**

1. A “C” is the same as a “B” except there are one or two minor omissions from the required list which would otherwise prevent the paper from receiving a B.

### **GRADE B**

1. The review is carefully written and shows a good of understanding of the film chosen.
2. The review has all of the required components listed in the above instructions. Review may show one minor error or omission in the required list as long as the plot and character summaries are complete.
3. The review is carefully proofread with no more than six typos or spelling errors.
4. The review is at least three pages in length.

### **GRADE A**

1. The review shows outstanding effort and analysis as well as a exceptional overall understanding of the film.
2. The review has all of the required components listed in the above instructions - as well as the following additions:
  - a. A cover page to include the name of the film and your name.
  - b. The review is word-processed.
3. The review is carefully proofread with no more than three typos or spelling errors.