

# Historic Film Permission Form

Dear Parents,

Our school suggests a parental permission for your student to view movies that are used in our curriculum, or that are selected by our teachers, which are rated PG-13 or R.

I believe showing your son or daughter films or portions of films such as *Amistad*, *Band of Brothers*, *Schindler's List*, *Life is Beautiful*, or *Pan's Labyrinth* enables them to benefit from another medium as a resource in their study of current events and history. I understand that in some scenes within these movies there are difficult sequences to watch, yet were I to eliminate every movie deemed to have something objectionable in it, I would lose the use of relevant parts as tools for learning from events that actually happened.

Movies, along with our hands-on activities such as reading, in-class discussion groups, trials, debates, and research projects, give students a well-rounded opportunity to discover the world of history. Movies go beyond dry facts and help bring events "alive."

Be assured that I will use proper discretion when showing movies. Should you choose not to allow your child to watch the any of the films I have selected, please write me a note below and we will determine an alternative assignment.

Thank you for taking the time to read and sign this permission form.

Sincerely,  
-Mike Davey

**Name of Movie Clips or entire movies:** *French Revolution: Documentary*, *Danton (edited)*, *Imperialism in the Congo*, *David Attenborough: Life on our Planet*, *Saving Private Ryan (opening clip only)*, *Schindler's List (edited for length rather than content)* and several other Holocaust documentaries, & *Rape of Nanking (documentary in parts)*, many other documentary clips.

Date(s) of Movie: Throughout the rest of the year

Movie Content Issues: intense, realistically graphic sequences of war violence, very-limited nudity, and language.

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Yes, I give my son/daughter permission to view curriculum and school appropriate full-length movies rated PG-13 or R.

\_\_\_\_ No, I do not give my son/daughter permission to view curriculum and school appropriate full-length movies of the types mentioned in this letter. I understand alternate learning experiences will be provided for my child while the movie is being watched. In particular I am concerned with: \_\_\_\_\_ and would like my child to have another learning tool provided.

Guardian signature/date

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**Notes to teacher:**

