

Historical Film Review

Your Name: _____

Director: _____

Film Title: _____

Parent's Permission _____

Parent's Brief Note Stating that you watched the film:

Do the following as the film progresses

Initial Reaction after viewing film:

very favorable favorable unfavorable not certain

I. Emotional Response:

What were your expectations on the film? Were they confirmed or disappointed? Explain.

In your opinion, what was the aim/purpose of this film?

II. How does the film try to 'make its case'? (e.g. by emotional appeal, alienation, manipulation of point of view, documentary authority, symbolism, etc.) Give examples. Is it persuasive?

On A Separate Piece of Paper, in paragraph form. Do the Following After the Film
TWO THUMBS UP! OR DOWN?

Directions: You have been asked to review the Historical film _____ for a local newspaper. Answer the following questions within the text of your original film review. It should be in essay format

- 1 What subject matter, issue, theme, or topic does this film consider?
- 2 What are the main story line and source of conflict?
- 3 What are the place setting and time period?
- 4 Are the characters believable? Sympathetic? Heroic? Anti-heroic? Villainous? Humorous? Explain.
- 5 How does the film portray or distort true history? Research the "History Versus Hollywood" aspects of the film and write down how the film "gets it right" and how it "gets it wrong." **Please spend a few paragraphs on this one.**
- 6 Overall do you think that the film does justice to history?
- 7 Why is this film worth seeing?
- 8 How would you rate this film?

