

8th Grade Social Studies Movie Permission Slip

Dear Parents,

The Social Studies department at Hillview Middle School use a variety of strategies to bring history to life. One useful resource is the use of films, which may be used in a variety of different ways to help teach the California state content standards. They bring a visual image, excitement, motivation, and interest to today's students.

In the past we have viewed portions of films such as "Glory" (an award winning Civil War movie) that have been edited for content. These films were originally given a more mature rating than G by the MPAA, but have been re-edited to a PG-13 or lower rating. The following movies are examples of films that have been used in the past, either in clips or in entirety: *America: The Story of Us*, *Last of the Mohicans*, *John Adams*, *The Crossing*, *The Patriot*, *Amistad*, *12 Years A Slave*, *Glory*, *Dances with Wolves*, and *Far and Away*.

It is our primary goal to provide a safe and inspiring learning atmosphere for your student. We also want to ensure that you as a parent or guardian feel comfortable with your student's education. If you do not approve of your student viewing these edited films we understand and respect your decision. Their grade in the class will not be affected. An alternate assignment will be given.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

Thank you,

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Please **initial next to YES or NO and sign below** that you have read the above information and that you approve of your student watching the edited films or disapprove and would like to excuse your student.

_____ **YES** I have read and understand the above letter and give my permission.

Initials

_____ **NO** I have read the above letter, and would like to excuse my student.

Initials

Name of student (PRINT) _____ Per _____ # _____

Parent/guardian signature _____