

## **Part IV Movie Review Template**

- **Title of Film (Year Produced & Rating) –**
  - o *If film is rated R, your parent must sign off that they have given permission for you to view the film. Without this signature, you will not receive credit for this portion of the assignment.*
- **Genre**
- **Director**
- **Main Actors**
- **The Truth:**
  - o Research the true history of the historical event, person(s), time period, or institution portrayed in the film. You may want to begin with a film review site for an overview of the film, but this site will NOT provide students with the historical background, or content needed, to complete the review assignment.
- **The Film**
- **Plot:**
  - o Write a synopsis, or summary, of the film. Make sure that your summary makes sense to a reader who does not know the movie. Do not refer to specific scenes and do not try to explain everything.
  - o You must also include the next items, but not as different parts (they may be included in your description of the story)
- **Place and time:**
  - o Where does the action take place? When does the action take place? (present time, 19th century)  
Is the story chronological (according to the order of time ) or flash back
  - o Background: society, country, kind of people (age, culture social class), historical time, etc.
- **Comparison & Evaluation**
  - o To what extent is the film historically accurate? Identify specific accuracies and director's liberties with the film. How has the film furthered student knowledge of the history portrayed?
  - o Provide an evaluation of the film. Give your opinion, but it must be more than "I liked it." This is important as the reviewer can express the elements of the movie they enjoyed or disliked. However, as in all good journalism, the reviewer should also give impartial details, and allow the reader to make their own mind over an issue the reader liked or disliked. Opinions should be explained to allow the reader to determine whether they would agree with your opinion.
- **AP LANG ONLY – If you chose a Vietnam Movie**
  - o How do the events of the movie compare to the descriptions in *The Things They Carried*.
- **FYI:**
  - o Additional Research may be needed. Cite any outside sources at the end of this review.
  - o Important note of writing: the reader understands you are writing this review; therefore, do NOT use 1st or 2nd person personal pronouns (I, me, us, we, you). This is a formal writing assignment—be sure to check your work for grammar, usage, mechanics, and spelling errors.