

## FILM APPRECIATION

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**Course Description:** A one semester language arts elective for juniors and seniors. Its purpose is to gain an appreciation for films beyond what be achieved through a casual viewing; an understanding of film history and production; and a realization of the power of film on our cultural values.

### Objectives:

- Film language
- Film techniques
- History of film
- Power of film – the values it instills
- Viewing and analyzing film

### Requirements and Evaluation:

- Quizzes over lectures/notes and films
- Four film critiques (2 - 3 pages)
- One oral presentation (at least 5 minutes) on a noted film director.
- Final paper ( 5 – 7 pages, 3 or more sources)

**Late Work:** Completing assignments on time is your responsibility. Late work is troublesome and a gross waste of time. **All late work will be penalized 10% for each class day late.** If you have a good reason, such as an illness or a family emergency, it is your responsibility to inform me. I shall decide whether or not the reason is adequate.

**Attendance:** Attendance is important. We will be watching several films in class, some of which you will be required to critique. If you miss any part of a film in class, it is your responsibility to make arrangements to watch it on your own.

### Hall Passes:

- Hall passes will be kept to a minimum.
- Permission to go to your locker for your materials will generally not be granted.
- If there is some kind of emergency, medical or otherwise, see me.

**Evaluation:** Grading will be done on percentages of total points.

**Grading Scale:**

<b>98-100</b>	<b>A+</b>	<b>78-79</b>	<b>C+</b>
<b>94-97</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>74-77</b>	<b>C</b>
<b>90-93</b>	<b>A-</b>	<b>70-73</b>	<b>C-</b>
<b>88-89</b>	<b>B+</b>	<b>68-69</b>	<b>D+</b>
<b>84-87</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>64-67</b>	<b>D</b>
<b>80-83</b>	<b>B-</b>	<b>60-63</b>	<b>D-</b>