**APUSH Q4 Film Study**

**Introduction:** The objective of this assignment is to expand your knowledge of a particular historical period through the analysis of related films. It is an opportunity to experience a richer encounter with history than can be provided by the textbook. We will watch 4-5 films that cover various aspects of U.S. History. You will be responsible for taking notes during the films in order to complete the Film Study Project. The film study will include the following movies:

1. *Dances with Wolves-* Civil War era relations with Native Americans
2. *Cinderella Man-* Depression era movie about boxer
3. *Pleasantville-* Fictional film based off of 1950s suburbia setting
4. *The Butler*- 20th century Civil Rights era
5. *Forrest Gump*- Major events of latter half of 20th century (Vietnam War, Cold War, Civil Rights, etc.)

**Directions:** During the next few weeks, you must ***complete 3 assignments*** for the movies. The 3 assignments must be focused on 3 different movies (you may not use the same movie twice). There are several options to choose from. ***Be careful NOT to plagiarize for this assignment***!! Make sure you select 3 DIFFERENT options:

* ***Write a movie review***- How many stars would you give it (out of 5)? Provide an evaluation of the film. Don’t just say “I liked it because it was a good movie” or “I hated it because it was boring.” Examine the strengths and weaknesses of the movie. Which actors did a good job and which were inadequate? Were there places where the plot was weak? If the film was done years ago, would it be done differently now? Why? What would have made the film better? Would you recommend the film to another student? Use examples from the film to support your points. Be creative with your writing! (1 page typed, 2 pages written)
* ***Draw a Movie Poster***- Yes, this must be drawn; you may not use the computer! Make sure you include the title, leading actors/actresses, director, year it was released, an image that includes historical references, and a slogan for the film. Do not copy the original movie poster! You must make your own. (I have large blank paper if you need it)
* ***Write a Historical Critique***- How historically accurate was the film? Were the movie characters based on actual people? If so, who were they and were they portrayed accurately? Were there any real events (battles, protests, laws, etc.)? If so, were they historically accurate? If there were no real characters or events, how does it relate historically? Analyze what realities were omitted and why. (1 page typed, 2 pages written)
* ***Research an Event***- Choose an event from the film, and research further about that event. What happened? Who was involved? Where did it happen? When did it happen? Why did happen? How is it important to American history? Write a 1 page paper on the event. Do NOT plagiarize. You must cite your sources if you are quoting a source. (1/2 page typed, 1 page written)
* ***Movie Quote***- Choose a compelling quote from the movie that really stuck with you. Do something around that quote that shows its importance to the film and US history. You could write an analysis, draw an art piece, create a collage, etc.
* ***Creative Choice***- You could write a poem, create an art piece, or something else creative. You must have this approved by the teacher!!!!!!

**DUE *JUNE 7th* FOR PERIOD 1 AND *JUNE 6th* FOR PERIOD 6!!!**

**It must be complete when you walk in to class. We will be presenting work on those days.**