

Class Title: Movies & Meaning

Category: Humanities

Grades: 6-12

Format: In-Person

Day: Wednesday(s) for 6-weeks

Time: 4-7pm (3 hours)

****Please note that the first day / week of class will only be from 4pm-5pm (1 hour). After this, all of the remaining classes / weeks will be from 4-7pm.(3 hours) for a total of 16 class hours.***

FIRST WEEK: January 22nd (Wednesday)

LAST WEEK: February 26th (Wednesday)

Total Hours Required: 16 hours

Location: Berrien Springs Virtual Academy (Conference Room)

Instructor: Mark Ring

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Qualifications: Michigan Teacher Certification / Grades 6-12 / English, Film and Drama

Course Description: This is a very user-friendly class that will focus on movies as not only a source of entertainment, but also being thought-provoking and providing a springboard for meaningful connections and conversations. The majority of class time will be spent watching movies together and then discussing them.

Weekly Schedule

Week 1: Welcome / Class Info & Expectations

****Week 1 class will only be from 4pm-5pm (1 hour)***

Week 2: Film #1: Preview, Screen and Discuss

Week 3: Film #2: Preview, Screen and Discuss

Week 4: Film #3: Preview, Screen and Discuss

Week 5: Film #4: Preview, Screen and Discuss

Week 6: Class Reflections and Celebration

***Weeks 2-6 will be from 4pm-7pm (3 hours)**

**All of the films used in class will be rated G or PG. If this is a concern for you as a parent, please contact me via email or text message and I will let you know the specific films that will be included this semester. However, I like to keep it a surprise for the students each week.*

Assessment and Expectations: Students will be assessed on their level of participation in the class each week as well as meeting the requirements of the assignments that are given.

Class Policies: It is expected that students are attending and participating each week.

Additional Information: This will be a 3 hour class starting on Week 2 and for some students this will delay dinner. I recommend bringing in a snack as I anticipate giving the students a short break midway to recharge.