Pima Community College
East Campus

Historical Video Assignment

Task:

The video assignments consist of watching a popular video of historical fiction concerning a historical topic appropriate to your course and providing a short paper on its accuracy and the accurate portrayal of the main character(s), or event(s).

This assignment is a research assignment. You need to analyze the movie based on research you conducted on the web, in books, etc.

You do not have to examine an entire movie; you can single out a particular event or character within the movie.

Required:

- Will be 2 pages
- Will support your conclusions with research (web, textbook, books)
- All research will be documented in MLA format
- The essay must be typed on a word-processor, on white paper, font 11 pt Arial or similar, 1 inch margins,
- Name/date/reading/class as the top header.
- The movie must be historical fiction within the time period and issues within the course.
  *(If in doubt ask the instructor if the movie is appropriate)*

Answer the Following:

You do not have to examine an entire movie; you can single out a particular event or character within a movie. *(i.e. the final battle in *The Patriot*, ships in *Master and Commander*, Brad Pitt as Achilles in *Troy]*)

1) **Write a paragraph providing the movie’s general information (no more than a paragraph):**
   a) The name of the movie
   b) The director & producer
   c) The main stars/characters
   d) If their was historical information with the VHS/DVD

2) **Provide the movie’s plot (no more than two paragraphs):**
   a) Provide a brief synopsis of the movies actual plot.

3) **Was the movie historically accurate (this is the majority of the paper):**
   a) Who were the real historic people the actors represented?
   b) Was the representation historically accurate?
   c) Were there any real events (battles, migrations, laws, etc.)?
   d) Were they portrayed accurately?
   e) Were their composite characters or events (did they represent a type of person) (were they a composite of many different historical figures)
   f) When and where was the movie set? Was the setting historically accurate?
   g) Were the houses, furnishings, foods, tools, weapons, clothes, hairstyles, shoes, streets, etc. shown with accuracy?
   h) Did the film provide a greater understanding of the event, or did it misrepresent history?