The following is a partial list of recommended Hollywood movies that can be viewed to help supplement course content. All movies should be viewed in the context of the time period and remember to keep in mind that often factual material is often sacrificed in order to make the film more marketable for a larger audience. The aim of watching these suggested movies is merely to help you get a better understanding of the time period by demonstrating typical dress, living conditions, politics, society, popular culture, etc. The movies selected will hopefully give you a “Snapshot” of Americana...

**Discovery and Colonial America**

*Apocalypto* (2006) Directed by Mel Gibson, starring Rudy Youngblood, Dalia Hernandez, Rodolfo Palacios


*Christopher Columbus: The Discovery* (1992) Directed by John Glen, starring Marlon Brando, Tom Selleck, Benicio Del Toro


*Pocahontas* (1995) Animated Film, Directed by Mike Gabriel and Eric Goldberg, voiced by Mel Gibson, Christian Bale, Irene Bedard


*Squanto: A Warrior’s Tale* (1994) Directed by Xavier Koller, starring Adam Beach, Eric Schweig, Irene Bedard

*Black Robe* (1991) Directed by Bruce Beresford starring Lothaire Bluteau, Aden Young, Sandrine Holt


*The Last of the Mohicans* (1992) Directed by Michael Mann starring Daniel Day Lewis, Madeleine Stowe, Wes Studi
The **Patriot** (2000) Directed by Roland Emmerich starring Mel Gibson, Heath Ledger, Jason Isaacs

**Revolution** (1985) Directed by Hugh Hudson starring Al Pacino, Donald Sutherland, Natassja Kinski

**18th-19th Century American Society**


**Age of Innocence** (1993) Directed by Martin Scorcese starring Daniel Day Lewis, Michelle Pfeiffer, Winona Ryder

**The Western Frontier**

**Far and Away** (1992) Directed by Ron Howard starring Tom Cruise, Nicole Kidman, Colm Meaney


**Unforgiven** (1992) Directed by Clint Eastwood starring Clint Eastwood, Morgan Freeman, Gene Hackman

**History of Black America**

**Amistad** (1997) Directed by Steven Speilberg starring Djimon Hounsou, Morgan Freeman, Matthew McConaughey


**Birth of a Nation** (1915) Directed by D.W. Griffith starring Lilian Gish, Mae Marsh, Henry B. Walthall

**The Colour Purple** (1985) Directed by Steven Speilberg starring Danny Glover, Whoopi Goldberg, Oprah Winfrey

**Mississippi Burning** (1988) Directed by Alan Parker starring Willem Dafoe, Gene Hackman, Francis McDormand


4 Little Girls (1997) Directed by Spike Lee starring Maxine McNair, Chris McNair, Helen Pegues

Rosewood (1997) Directed by John Singleton starring Ving Rhames, Jon Voight, Don Cheadle


The Lords of Discipline (1983) Directed by Franc Roddam starring David Keith, Judge Reinhold, Bill Paxton


To Kill a Mockingbird (1962) Directed by Robert Mulligan starring Gregory Peck, Robert Duvall, Frank Overton

Do the Right Thing (1989) Directed by Spike Lee starring Danny Aiello, John Turturro, Rosie Perez, Spike Lee

Colors (1988) Directed by Dennis Hopper starring Sean Penn, Robert Duvall, Don Cheadle

Boyz n the Hood (1991) Directed by John Singleton starring Laurence Fishburne, Cuba Gooding Jr., Ice Cube, Morris Chestnut

American Civil War


Gone with the Wind (1939) Directed by Victor Flemming starring Vivien Leigh, Clark Gable, Hatty McDaniel
**Gettysburg** (1993) Directed by Ronald F. Maxwell starring Tom Berenger, Martin Sheen, Jeff Daniels


**Cold Mountain** (2003) Directed by Anthony Minghella starring Jude Law, Nicole Kidman, Renee Zellweger

**Dances with Wolves** (1990) Directed by Kevin Costner starring Kevin Costner, Mary McDonnell, Graham Greene, Wes Studi

**Ride with the Devil** (1999) Directed by Ang Lee starring Tobey Maguire, Skeet Ulrich, James Caviezel

**The Last Samurai** (2003) Directed by Edward Zwick starring Tom Cruise, Ken Watanabe, Billy Connolly

**The Civil War** (1990) Directed by Ken Burns starring Laurence Fishburne, Morgan Freeman, Jeremy Irons

**1910s/1920s/1930s**

**Titanic** (1997) Directed by James Cameron starring Leonardo DiCaprio, Billy Zane, Kate Winslett

**The Untouchables** (1987) Directed by Brian De Palma starring Sean Connery, Kevin Costner, Robert De Niro, Andy Garcia

**Cinderella Man** (2005) Directed by Ron Howard starring Russell Crowe, Renee Zellweger, Paul Giamatti


**Harlem Nights** (1989) Directed by Eddie Murphy starring Eddie Murphy, Richard Pryor, Redd Foxx


**Miller’s Crossing** (1990) Directed by Joel Coen starring Gabriel Byrne, Albert Finney, John Turturro

**King Kong** (2005) Directed by Peter Jackson starring Jack Black, Naomi Watts, Adrien Brody, Colin Hanks

**The Journey of Natty Gann** (1985) Directed by Jeremy Kagan starring Meredith Salenger, John Cusack, John Finnegan

**Of Mice and Men** (1992) Directed by Gary Sinise starring Gary Sinise, John Malkovich, Casie Siemaszko

**The Grapes of Wrath** (1940) Directed by John Ford starring Henry Fonda, John Carradine, Jane Darwell

**Inherit the Wind** (1960) Directed by Stanley Kramer starring Spencer Tracey, Frederick March, Gene Kelly

**World War I & II**

**Legends of the Fall** (1994) Directed by Edward Zwick starring Anthony Hopkins, Brad Pitt, Aidan Quinn, Julie Ormond

**Flyboys** (2006) Directed by Tony Bill starring James Franco, Jean Reno, Philip Winchester

**Saving Private Ryan** (1998) Directed by Steven Speilberg starring Tom Hanks, Matt Damon, Tom Sizemore, Ed Burns

**Pearl Harbour** (2001) Directed by Michael Bay starring Ben Affleck, Josh Hartnett, Kate Beckinsale, Cuba Gooding Jr.


**Letters from Iwo Jima** (2006) Directed by Clint Eastwood starring Ken Watanabe, Takumi Bando, Yuki Matsuzaki

**Flags of our Fathers** (2006) Directed by Clint Eastwood starring Ryan Phillippe, Adam Beach, Jesse Bradford


Hart’s War (2002) Directed by Gregory Hoblit starring Bruce Willis, Colin Farrell, Terrence Howard

A Midnight Clear (1992) Directed by Keith Gordon starring Peter Berg, Kevin Dillon, Gary Sinise, Ethan Hawke

The Dirty Dozen (1967) Directed by Robert Aldrich starring Lee Marvin, Charles Bronson, Jim Brown


Band of Brothers (2001) Directed by David Frankel starring Damien Lewis, Donnie Wahlberg, Ron Livingston

Everytime We Say Goodbye (1986) Directed by Moshe Mizrahi starring Tom Hanks, Caroline Goodall, Benedict Taylor

Windtalker (2002) Directed by John Woo starring Nicholas Cage, Adam Beach, Christian Slater

 Patton (1970) Directed by Franklin J. Schaffner starring George C.Scott, Karl Malden, Morgen Paul

A League of Their Own (1992) Directed by Penny Marshall starring Tom Hanks, Geena Davis, Madonna


The Cold War

Doctor Strangelove (1964) Directed by Stanley Kubrick starring Peter Sellers, George C. Scott, James Earl Jones


**Buffalo Soldiers** (2001) Directed by Gregor Jordan starring Joaquin Phoenix, Ed Harris, Scott Glenn

**Good Night and Good Luck** (2005) Directed by George Clooney starring Jeff Daniels, David Strathairn, Alex Borstein

**Thirteen Days** (2000) Directed by Roger Donaldson starring Kevin Costner, Shawn Driscoll, Caitlin Wachs

**The Falcon and the Snowman** (1985) Directed by John Schlesinger starring Sean Penn, Timothy Hutton, Art Camacho


**Rocky IV** (1985) Directed by Sylvester Stallone starring Sylvester Stallone, Talia Shire, Carl Weathers, Dolph Lundgren

**1950s/1960s/1970s**

**The Right Stuff** (1983) Directed by Phillip Kaufman starring Ed Harris, Sam Shepard, Scott Glenn

**Apollo 13** (1995) Directed by Ron Howard starring Tom Hanks, Bill Paxton, Gary Sinise, Kevin Bacon

**American Graffiti** (1973) Directed by George Lucas starring Richard Dreyfuss, Ron Howard, Harrison Ford

**That Thing You Do!** (1996) Directed by Tom Hanks starring Liv Tyler, Steve Zahn, Charlize Theron

**The Shawshank Redemption** (1994) Directed by Frank Darabont starring Morgan Freeman, Tim Robbins, Bob Gunton

**The Outsiders** (1983) Directed by Francis Ford Coppola starring Ralph Macchio, C.Thomas Howell, Matt Dillon

**Hoosiers** (1986) Directed by David Anspaugh starring Gene Hackman, Dennis Hopper, Barbara Hershey

**L.A. Confidential** (1997) Directed by Curtis Hanson starring Kevin Spaceky, Guy Pearce, Russell Crowe

**Quiz Show** (1994) Directed by Robert Redford starring John Turturro, Ralph Fiennes, Mira Sorvino
**School Ties** (1992) Directed by Robert Mandel starring Brendan Fraser, Matt Damon, Chris O’Donnell

**54** (1998) Directed by Mark Christopher starring Ryan Phillippe, Salma Hayek, Mike Myers

**Dreamgirls** (2006) directed by Bill Condon starring Beyoncé Knowles, Jamie Foxx, Eddie Murphy

**Saturday Night Fever** (1977) Directed by John Badham starring John Travolta, Karen Lynn Gorney, Paul Pape

**Lords of Dogtown** (2005) Directed by Catherine Hardwicke starring Heath Ledger, John Robinson, Victor Rasuk

**Easy Rider** (1969) Directed by Dennis Hopper starring Dennis Hopper, Peter Fonda, Jack Nicholson

**The Doors** (1991) Directed by Oliver Stone starring Val Kilmer, Meg Ryan, Kyel Maclachlan, Kevin Dillon


**All the President’s Men** (1976) Directed by Alan J. Pakula starring Dustin Hoffman, Robert Redford, Jason Robards

**Vietnam War**

**Platoon** (1986) Directed by Oliver Stone starring Willem Dafoe, Tom Berenger, Charlie Sheen, Forrest Whitaker

**Full Metal Jacket** (1987) Directed by Stanley Kubrick starring Matthew Modine, Adam Baldwin, Vincent D’Onofrio

**Hamburger Hill** (1987) Directed by John Irvin starring Don Cheadle, Dylan McDermott, Michael Boatmen

**Bat*21** (1988) Directed by Peter Markle starring Gene Hackman, Danny Glover, Jerry Reed

The Deer Hunter (1978) Directed by Michael Cimino starring Robert De Niro, Christopher Walken, John Cazale, Meryl Streep


We Were Soldiers (2002) Directed by Randall Wallace starring Mel Gibson, Madeline Stowe, Greg Kinnear


Born on the Fourth of July (1989) Directed by Oliver Stone starring Tom Cruise, Raymond J. Barry, Tom Berenger

Casualties of War (1989) Directed by Brian De Palma starring Michael J. Fox, Sean Penn, John C. Reilly

Apocalypse Now (1979) Directed by Francis Ford Coppola starring Martin Sheen, Marlon Brando, Robert Duvall, Laurence Fishburne

Heaven and Earth (1993) Directed by Oliver Stone starring Tommy Lee Jones, Joan Chen, Dustin Nguyen


1980s/1990s


The Insider (1999) Directed by Michael Mann starring Al Pacino, Russell Crowe, Christopher Plummer

Crash (2004) Directed by Paul Haggis starring Sandra Bullock, Matt Dillon, Don Cheadle

Contemporary Conflicts

Black Hawk Down (2001) Directed by Ridley Scott starring Josh Hartnett, Ewen McGregor, Tom Sizemore

Jarhead (2005) Directed by Sam Mendes starring Jake Gyllenhaal, Peter Sarsgaard, Jamie Foxx
**Three Kings** (1999) Directed by David O. Russell starring George Clooney, Ice Cube, Mark Wahlberg


**Tears of the Sun** (2003) Directed by Antoine Fuqua starring Bruce Willis, Monica Bellucci, Cole Hauser


**Lord of War** (2005) Directed by Andrew Niccol starring Nicholas Cage, Jared Leto, Ethan Hawke


**Behind Enemy Lines** (2001) Directed by John Moore starring Owen Wilson, Gene Hackman, Gabriel Macht


**World Trade Centre** (2006) Directed by Oliver Stone starring Nicholas Cage, Maria Bello, Connor Paolo


**Kingdom** (2007) Directed by Peter Berg starring Jamie Foxx, Jennifer Garner, Jason Bateman, Jeremy Piven

**Babel** (2006) Directed by Alejandro González Iñárritu starring Brad Pitt, Cate Blanchett, Gael Garcia Bernal

For Fun

**Forrest Gump** (1994) Directed by Robert Zemeckis starring Tom Hanks, Gary Sinise, Robin Wright Penn, Mykelti Williamson

**National Treasure** (2004) Directed by John Turtletaub starring Nicholas Cage, Sean Bean, Jon Voight, Dianne Kruger
**Coming to America** (1988) Directed by John Landis starring Eddie Murphy, Arsenio Hall, James Earl Jones


**Primary Colors** (1998) Directed by Mike Nichols starring John Travolta, Emma Thompson, Billy Bob Thornton

**Wag the Dog** (1997) Directed by Barry Levinson starring Robert De Niro, Dustin Hoffman, Anne Heche

**Man of the Year** (2006) Directed by Barry Levinson starring Robin Williams, Christopher Walken, Lauren Linney

**The Distinguished Gentleman** (1992) Directed by Jonathan Lynn starring Eddie Murphy, Charles S. Dutton, Lane Smith

**An American Tail** (1986) Animated Film Directed by Don Bluth starring Phillip Glasser, Dom Deluise, Nehemiah Persoff


**Super Size Me** (2004) Directed by Morgan Spurlock starring Morgan Spurlock, Dr. Daryl Isaacs, Eric Rowley

**Thank You For Smoking** (2005) Directed by Jason Reitman starring Aaron Eckhart, Maria Bello, David Koechner

**Biographical Movies**

**JFK** (1991) Directed by Oliver Stone starring Kevin Costner, Kevin Bacon, Tommy Lee Jones, Gary Oldman

**Bobby** (2007) Directed by Emelio Estevez starring Laurence Fishburne, Anthony Hopkins, Lindsay Lohan, Demi Moore
Ali (2001) Directed by Michael Mann starring Will Smith, Jamie Foxx, Jon Voight, Mario Van Peebles

Malcolm X (1992) Directed by Spike Lee starring Denzel Washington, Angela Bassett, Delroy Lindo,


Wyatt Earp (1994) Directed by Lawrence Kasdan starring Kevin Costner, Gene Hackman, Dennis Quaid

Cobb (1994) Directed by Ron Shelton starring Tommy Lee Jones, Robert Wuhl, Lolita Davidovich


Raging Bull (1980) Directed by Martin Scorcese starring Robert De Niro, Joe Pesci, Cathy Moriarti

Pride of the Yankees (1942) Directed by Sam Wood starring Gary Cooper, Babe Ruth, Walter Brennan

Lady Sings the Blues (1972) Directed by Sidney J. Furie starring Diana Ross, Billy Dee Williams, Richard Pryor

Whats Love Got To Do With It (1993) Directed by Brian Gibson starring Angela Bassett, Laurence Fishburne, Khandi Alexander

The Aviator (2004) Directed by Martin Scorcese starring Leonardo Di Caprio, Kate Beckinsale, Cate Blanchett


The Buddy Holly Story (1978) Directed by Steve Rash starring Gary Busey, Conrad Janis, Charles Martin Smith

Ray (2004) Directed by Taylor Hackford starring Jamie Foxx, Larenz Tate, Terrence Howard

**Men of Honour** (2000) directed by George Tillman Jr. starring Robert De Niro, Cuba Gooding Jr., Charlize Theron


**Pollack** (2000) Directed by Ed Harris starring Ed Harris, Marcia Gay Harden, Jennifer Connelly

**Capote** (2005) directed by Bennett Miller starring Philip Seymour Hoffman, Bruce Greenwood, Clifton Collins Jr.

**When We Were Kings** (1996) directed by Leon Gast starring Muhammed Ali, George Foreman, Don King