

Extra Credit: Term Three

You may earn up to sixty extra credit points this term:

(20 points) Attend one of the following Veteran Speakers Series at the Salt Lake City Main Library (210 East 400 South). Be sure to find Ms. Nick there so she can add you to her list of those in attendance. Ms. Nick will remove you from her list if she discovers that you are texting/talking/sleeping/doing homework/etc. during the presentation. This begins at 7:00.

- 1) February 10: Jim Slade--Army, Vietnam War
- 2) March 10: Terry McDade--Marines, Vietnam War

(20 points) Watch or attend a cultural event in your community- A Museum, a play, a ballet etc. Briefly explain the culture that created the event (country) and what you thought.

(20 points at least.) Bring in a speaker (Veteran or someone from another country to tell their story.

(20 points at least.) Bring in a food from another culture or nation to share with the class.

(60 points) read a book about another nation's history. Must be at least 100 pages. Complete a book report form.

(20 points) Watch one of the following films. (A hint for you: Save yourself a few dollars and simply check them out from the library!) All of these are related to topics we will cover in class this term. After viewing the film, **please submit the Movie Extra Credit Form.** **NOTE: IF YOU CHOOSE TO WATCH A RATED R FILM FOR EXTRA CREDIT, YOUR SUMMARY/NOTES MUST INCLUDE A STATEMENT WRITTEN BY YOUR PARENT, GIVING PERMISSION FOR YOU TO WATCH THIS FILM, WITH THEIR SIGNATURE.**

This Quarter the class voted to cover Ancient Greece, the Maya, Aztec, and Inca, and China. You may watch any film related to these topics. Here are some suggestions let me know if you can think of others and I will add them, to my list.

Maya, Aztec, Inca

- "The Road to El Dorado" DVD Disneyesque animated movie about two Spaniards who travel to the new world. Some surprisingly good content (more so than in the Disney films) and a fairly good movie.
- "Time Life: Lost Civilizations" DVD There are episodes in this collection exploring both the Maya and the Inca.

- [“Apocalypto”](#) DVD Rated R Lots of Violence-.Mel Gibson not a great plot but a lot of good culture
- [“500 Nations”](#)DVD This is a very good series about the history of native tribes in the western hemisphere. Episode 1 covers the Maya, episode 2 covers the Aztec. Definitely slow at times but works great as a summary piece for each civilization
- [“Mystery of the Maya”](#) DVD Arguably the worst IMAX movie ever made but that still leaves it on the "pretty good" list. The problem with this one is the narration which is awful throughout. The visuals, however, are stunning and there is one section on Mayan math that is worth showing even with the narration
- [“Engineering an Empire”](#) DVD With episodes on both the Maya and Aztec (where's the Inca love?!) you can't go wrong here. Every episode of this series is excellent and these are no different. I would say the Mayan episode is one of the weaker ones but the Aztec is easily among the best.
- [“In Search of History: The Aztec Empire”](#)DVD Fairly good documentary with enough reenactments to stay interesting in spurts. There are probably too many talking heads for a full showing but easily broken into chunks to use in lectures.
- [“Unsolved History: Aztec Temple”](#)
- [“NOVA: Secrets of the Lost Empires – Inca”](#) DVD Good documentary that I've shown in full when in a pinch. It is the story of a modern recreation of an Inca rope bridge using Inca techniques and materials.
- [“How the Emperor Got His Groove Back”](#)- Relates to Incan Civilization
- [“2012”](#) While loosely based on the prophesy of the Mayans it can be applied.
- ["Christopher Columbus: The Discovery"](#) This relates to the Age of Exploration. It was made in 1992 by Quinto Centenario and is rated PG-13.
- ["1492--Conquest of Paradise"](#) This relates to the Age of Exploration. It was made in 1992 by Canal Droits Audiovisuels and is rated PG-13.

Greeks

- ["Alexander"](#) This film relates to Alexander the Great. It was made in 2004 by Warner Brothers and is rated R.
- ["Ben Hur"](#) This film relates to the Roman Empire and to early Judaism. It was made in 1959 by Metro Goldwyn Mayer and is rated G.
- ["Gladiator"](#) This film relates to the Roman Empire and its social/political structures. It was made in 2000 by DreamWorks and is rated R.
- ["Hercules"](#) This film relates to Greek mythology. It was made in 1997 by Walt Disney Pictures and is rated G.
- ["Julius Caesar"](#) This film relates to the rule and death of Julius Caesar. It was made in 1970 by Commonwealth United Entertainment and is rated G.
- ["Julius Caesar"](#) This film relates to the rule and death of Julius Caesar. It was made in 1953 by Metro Goldwyn Mayer and is rated G.

- "[The Odyssey](#)" This film relates to Homer's epic story of Odysseus and ancient Greece. It was made in 1997 by American Zoetrope and is rated PG-13.
- "[Spartacus](#)" This film relates to the Roman Empire, its use of slaves and gladiators. It was made in 1960 by Bryna Productions and is rated PG-13.
- "[Titus](#)" This film is an adaptation of Shakespeare's play "Titus Andronicus" and relates to the Roman Empire. It was made in 1999 by Clear Blue Sky Productions and is rated R.
- "[300](#)" This film relates to the Persian Wars. It was made in 2006 by Warner Bros. Pictures and is rated R.

China

- **“The Last Emperor” (1987)**- The first entry into the ten best Chinese history movies picked up 9 Academy Awards for its portrayal of the life of Pu-Yi, the last emperor of the Ching Dynasty.
- **“Farewell My Concubine” (1993)**- The story of two men who meet as apprentices in the Chinese opera and remain friends for 50 years, this one of the ten best Chinese history movies gives you a brief but poignant look at the changes in Chinese society over half a century.
- **“The Founding of a Republic” (2009)**- For most of us the Chinese civil war that led to the founding of the China that we know today is rarely spoken of in the history books. But this one of the ten best Chinese history movies is an excellent look at a part of history that most of us have never heard of.
- **“Assembly” (2007)**- Like all the wars that came before it, the Chinese civil war left countless fallen soldiers in its wake. This one of the ten best Chinese history movies is the story of how the surviving soldiers of the Chinese civil war fought for government recognition of their fallen comrades.
- **“Fearless” (2006)**-Starring the always awesome **Jet Li** this one of the ten best Chinese history movies is a biopic that details the life and times of Master Huo Yuanjia, a Martial Arts master and founder of the Jin Wu Sports Federation.
- **“The Opium War” (1997)**- Starting in 1839, this one of the ten best Chinese history movies tells the story of the battles fought between the Chinese and the British over the lucrative opium trade in the region.
- **“Mongol: The Rise and Fall of Genghis Khan” (2007)**- This one of the ten best Chinese history movies is a must see for any history buff. Beautifully shot, this one of the ten best Chinese history movies is the story of one of the most brutal warlords in history; Genghis Khan. From his birth as a slave to his rise as conqueror.
- **“Forever Enthralled” (2008)**- The third biopic to make the list of the ten best Chinese history movies; this biopic details the amazing ups and downs of Mei Lanfang, one of the greatest stars of the Chinese Opera.

- **“Aftershock” (2010)**- It’s impossible for a movie to really deliver the horror and devastation that follows an earthquake. But this one of the ten best Chinese history movies comes pretty close as it looks at the lives of people who survived Great Tangshan Earthquake of 1976.
- **“The Soong Sisters” (1997)**- An interesting look at the inner workings of a Chinese political family, this one of the ten best Chinese history movies details the highs, the lows and the treachery that often come with maintaining a political dynasty.
- **“Mulan”** Disney story of one girl’s bravery in taking her father’s place to fight the Huns.