

Video Technology/Electronic Media Summer Assignment 2008

Watch and review two films from any of these categories:

- One foreign film with subtitles, or
- One film made before 1950, or
- One film made between 1950 and 1979

This assignment is meant to **challenge** you to view and share with your classmates films that you might not ordinarily watch. Avoid choosing films which everyone has already seen many times (e.g., *The Wizard of Oz*). Also, be aware that we will be watching and analyzing *Modern Times* and *Citizen Kane* in class this year, so you might not want to view them this summer.

- 1. Use the attached sheet to write a review of each film.**
- 2. Be prepared to present your two reviews to the class on the FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL.**

If you have any questions, you may email the instructor at: Stephen.Villela@nisd.net

You can find these movies:

—at the San Antonio Public Library, where you can check out up to 5 videos for a week for FREE with your library card

—on cable stations (especially AMC, TMC, Bravo, IFC, the Sundance Channel)

—at video rental stores in the "Classics" and "Foreign" sections

—through online DVD rental services such as Netflix

Ask your parents and teachers for their recommendations.

Your Name: _____

Film #1

1. Title:
2. Director:
3. Year of release:
4. Country:
5. VERY SHORT summary of the film's plot (please do not spoil the ending):

6. Describe one of the following elements that you noticed about this film and explain why you noticed it:

lighting
editing
costumes
set design

sound (sound effects or soundtrack music composed for the film)
special or visual effects

7. Would you recommend this film to others? Explain.

Your Name: _____

Film #2

1. Title:
2. Director:
3. Year of release:
4. Country:
5. VERY SHORT summary of the film's plot (please do not spoil the ending):

6. Describe one of the following elements that you noticed about this film and explain why you noticed it:

lighting
editing
costumes
set design

sound (sound effects or soundtrack music composed for the film)
special or visual effects

7. Would you recommend this film to others? Explain.