



John C Kimball High School 2013–2014

**Film Studies
Course Syllabus**

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Course Description:

This course studies the history, art, theory, and techniques of the film medium. We will learn the precursor's to the film medium, the history behind all of the technology related to film, vocabulary necessary to understand and write about film, and watch some of the greatest films of all time. This year we will be starting a website akin to Sparknotes but for film which should be very exciting. You will be expected to write content for the website for homework close to once per month. We will also be learning about different genres, modes, and styles with an emphasis on narrative film, but also on documentary, avant-garde, musicals, and much more.

Conduct Requirements:

1. **Arrive on time and start on the opener immediately.**
2. **Be respectful towards everyone in class (listen, don't distract especially during films, don't interrupt, don't argue, follow directions, be kind, etc.)**
3. **Respect your classmates' right to learn and your teacher's right to teach**
4. **Respect the property of the school and of others**
5. **Take care of all equipment. The student is responsible for lost, stolen or broken items.**
6. **Follow all school rules including dress code, lanyards, cell phone usage or confiscation will occur, gum chewing, eating/drinking, etc.**

Possible Consequences (each behavior may have different consequences):

1. **Verbal warning**
2. **Talking with me during or after class to reach solution or further consequence**
3. **Call home**
4. **Referral and/or Parent/teacher/student conference**

Tardy Policy: ATTENDANCE IS MANDATORY. After a first warning, you will start making up time outside of class.

Cheating Policy:

Please don't! When you present someone else's work as your own you are cheating. If you cheat, you will receive a zero for that assignment, and a call home will be necessary.

Late/Make-up Work Policy:

Late work will only be accepted if there is an excused absence or accepted for half-credit when present. You must make arrangements to gather work ahead of time and turn in all work the day after you return. If you are suspended (or truant) from school, any work to be made-up while you were suspended will not be accepted or graded. *You must rent the movie we watch during the day you were absent and do a write-up to get credit.*

Homework Policy: Homework will be given out at regular intervals but not weekly. Preparation for

