Integrated 9

Mackey/Hofmann

**Africa Film Study**

**Assessment**

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Africa is a beautiful, diverse continent with a rich and complicated history. Our study of Africa focuses on the Middle Passage and the European colonization of Africa and its lingering effects. Through case studies, we will take a close look at the countries of Rwanda, Sudan and South Africa.

Because Africa is so large and complex, we will not be able to look at all the people, places and events that have shaped its long history. So we want YOU to do some learning on your own through a film study.

Check out the movies from below. Visit the International Movie Database ([www.imdb.com](http://www.imdb.com)) and investigate the movies you’re interested in. As you’re learning in class, Africa has an amazing history but it’s also complicated and in many cases tragic. Some of the movies from below reflect the intense themes prevalent throughout Africa’s history. **You should discuss this assignment with your parents and be sure they help you choose an appropriate movie for you.** You may need to rent, borrow or buy the film you choose. If you’d like to watch a movie with some friends from class, you may do that but you will need to complete the written assignment **INDEPENDENTLY**. You may also choose a movie that is not on this list, but be sure you discuss it with Mrs. Mackey or Ms. Hofmann.

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| *Delta Boys* (not rated)  *Sometimes in April* (TV-MA) | *Cry Freedom*  *Out of Africa*  *Amazing Grace* | *Mandela: Long Walk to Freedom*  *Cry, the Beloved Country*  *Captain Phillips*  *Invictus* | *Tsotsi*  *Nowhere in Africa*  *The Last King of Scotland*  *The Constant Gardner*  *Blood Diamond*  *Amistad* |

**Assignment:**

1. Watch a film from above. As you watch think about our study of Africa.
2. Complete a thorough analysis of the film that includes all of the following:
   1. One paragraph plot summary
   2. SMELL analysis—you will receive the SMELL chart later
   3. One paragraph that addresses the effects of colonialism in Africa.
      1. How did colonialism/imperialism affect the conflict in the film? (If the film is set before colonialism, research how colonialism affected and changed the country/region that the film is set in)

\*You will need to do some research on your own about the colonial history of the people and places in the film you watch.

* 1. One paragraph that discusses the importance of story telling.
     1. Why does this story matter?
     2. Why do the stories of individuals matter?
     3. How did this story affect your own worldview?

**Requirements:**

* Typed, printed, stapled, final draft form, 12 pt. font, proper heading
* Though you may view the film with friend(s) from class, the written assignment from above should be completed INDEPENDETLY!

**Standards:**

* Analyze in detail a series of events described in a text; determine whether earlier events caused later ones or simply preceded them.
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