

Pop Culture & Film: Play List

<p>Scarface (1932)</p> <p><i>Genre:</i> Drama, Crime, Film-Noir, Crime, <i>Director:</i> Richard Rosson <i>Plot:</i> Based loosely on the life of infamous gangster, Al Capone is the story of Tony "Scarface" Camonte (Paul Muni). Big Louis Costillo, one of the last old-style gang leaders, is slain and all eyes turn toward Tony, but police have no proof Tony committed the crime. Tony quickly makes a rise to the top by way of violence, but soon runs in to a dilemma where he must make a choice.</p> <p><i>MPAA Rating:</i> PG</p>	<p>Modern Times (1936)</p> <p><i>Genre:</i> Drama, Romance, Comedy, Silent Film <i>Director:</i> Charles Chaplin <i>Plot:</i> Charlie Chaplin is a production line worker driven insane by the monotony of his job. When he is released from the hospital he is soon arrested for being a communist. This is Chaplin's last "silent" movie; however, sound effects are used on the track.</p> <p><i>MPAA Rating:</i> G</p>
<p>The Wizard of Oz (1939)</p> <p><i>Genre:</i> Musical, Satire <i>Director:</i> Victor Fleming <i>Plot:</i> In this charming film based on the popular L. Frank Baum stories, Dorothy and her dog Toto are caught in a tornado's path and somehow end up in the land of Oz. Here she meets some memorable friends and foes in her journey to meet the Wizard of Oz who everyone says can help her return home and possibly grant her new friends their goals of a brain, heart and courage</p> <p><i>MPAA Rating:</i> G</p>	<p>It's a Wonderful Life (1946)</p> <p><i>Genre:</i> Drama, Christmas, Classic <i>Director:</i> Frank Capra <i>Plot:</i> George Bailey is a selfless man in turmoil. When he misplaces \$8000 he feels it's the end and contemplates ending his life. When his guardian angel, Clarence, shows George what his town and family would have been like without him George reconsiders.</p> <p><i>MPAA Rating:</i> G</p>
<p>Gaslight (1944)</p> <p><i>Genre:</i> Crime, Drama, Film-Noir <i>Director:</i> George Cukor <i>Plot:</i> Years after her aunt was murdered in her home, a young woman moves back into the house with her new husband. However, he has a secret which he will do anything to protect, even if that means driving his wife insane.</p> <p><i>MPAA Rating:</i> PG</p>	<p>Rebel without a Cause (1955)</p> <p><i>Genre:</i> Drama, Teen <i>Director:</i> Nicholas Ray <i>Plot:</i> Jim Stark is the new kid in town and has a tendency to get in trouble. Looking for love and attention in all the wrong places he finds a kindred spirit in local girl Judy, but in order to prove himself to the neighborhood teens Jim participates in knife fights and car races.</p> <p><i>MPAA Rating:</i> PG-13</p>
<p>Fail-Safe (1964)</p> <p><i>Genre:</i> Drama, War, Sci-Fi <i>Director:</i> Sidney Lumet <i>Plot:</i> A technical malfunction in the Pentagon's strategic control system causes an erroneous order to be sent to a B-58 squadron on a routine training mission instructing the bombers to fly beyond their fail safe distance. At this point the flight crew are</p> <p><i>MPAA Rating:</i> PG-13</p>	<p>Born on the Fourth of July (1989)</p> <p><i>Genre:</i> Drama, War, Biography <i>Director:</i> Oliver Stone <i>Plot:</i> The biography of Ron Kovic. Paralyzed in the Vietnam war, he becomes an anti-war and pro-human rights political activist after feeling betrayed by the country he fought for.</p> <p><i>MPAA Rating:</i> R</p>
<p>Rocky (1976)</p> <p><i>Genre:</i> Action, Drama, Romance, Sports <i>Director:</i> John G. Avildsen <i>Plot:</i> A struggling armature boxer from So. Philly gets a once-in-a-lifetime chance at a major heavyweight fight. In a surprise upset, Rocky beats the heavyweight champion of the world. <i>MPAA Rating:</i> PG</p>	<p>Star Wars (1977)</p> <p><i>Genre:</i> Action, Adventure, Fantasy, Sci-Fi <i>Director:</i> George Lucas <i>Plot:</i> Part IV in George Lucas' epic, "Star Wars: A New Hope" follows Luke Skywalker, a orphaned farm boy, as he discovers he is the last of a dying breed of Jedi and has to save Princess Leia from the Empire.</p> <p><i>MPAA Rating:</i> PG</p>

Argo (2013)

Genre: Drama, Thriller, Biography, History

Director: [Ben Affleck](#)

Plot: Acting under the cover of a Hollywood producer scouting a location for a science fiction film, a CIA agent launches a dangerous operation to rescue six Americans in Tehran during the U.S. hostage crisis in Iran in 1980.

MPAA Rating: **R**

Breakfast Club (1985)

Genre: Drama, Teen

Director: [John Hughes](#)

Plot: A diverse group of high schoolers forced to spend detention on a Saturday in the library. Forced to make the best of their circumstances, they learn to understand each other and discover that in spite of their initial differences, they actually share many common feelings and problems.

MPAA Rating: **R**

Clueless (1995)

Genre: Romance, Comedy, Teen

Director: [Amy Heckerling](#)

Plot:

Spoiled, rich and popular high school student [Cher](#) takes on the world by lending her vast knowledge about clothes, shopping and love to all those around her. However, she soon learns that what is inside a person is just as important as what's on the outside.

MPAA Rating: **PG-13**

PG-13 for sex related dialogue and some teen use of alcohol and drugs.

Mean Girls (2004)

Genre: Drama, Comedy, Teen

Director: [Mark S. Waters](#)

Plot:

New student Cady is quickly accepted as one of the school's social elite, but when she falls for the "Queen Bee's" ex-boyfriend, the claws come out and it's every girl for herself. With the use of gossip and lies, Cady quickly learns how cruel life in "Girl World" can truly be.

MPAA Rating: **PG-13**

PG-13 for sexual content, language and some teen partying.

****In addition to the movies listed above, we will be watching the evolution of the American family via popular television sitcoms.****

~~This Play List is not set in stone and substitutions can and will be made when necessary. Also, all movies have been pre-screened and in some case edited to be appropriate within the class room setting.~~

I have reviewed the Play List for my student, _____ (print student's name), and I give my consent for my student to watch the films presented in this class as well as contribute to in class discussions.

I understand that if a rated R movie substitution is made to the Play List, Ms. Madden will inform me with a follow-up consent form.

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