

FILMS FOR WORLD HISTORY 1

How to do a film review:

Write 3 typewritten pages answering the following questions:

What is the film saying?

How is the film saying it?

How could it have been said better?

Choose from one of the following films:

Alexander (2004)

Alexander, the King of Macedonia, leads his legions against the giant Persian Empire. After defeating the Persians he leads his Army across the then known world venturing farther than any Westerner had gone all the way to India.

Alexander Nevsky (1938)

Prince Nevsky defends Russia in 1241 when she is invaded by German Teutonic Knights and Mongols

Aguirre, the Wrath of God (1972)

The story of Spanish conquistadores in 1590 who search for a city of gold in Peru

Black Knight (2001)

Martin Lawrence plays Jamal, an employee in Medieval World amusement park. After sustaining a blow to the head, he awakens to find himself in 14th century England

Braveheart (1995)

William Wallace, a commoner, unites the 13th Century Scots in their battle to overthrow English rule

Cabeza de Vaca (1990)

When a Spanish expedition shipwrecks in 1528 on the Florida coast, Cabeza de Vaca is captured by Iguase Indians and made a slave to their shaman. He is later freed, but has gained much respect for their culture.

Dersu Uzala (1975)

A Russian surveyor in Siberia befriends a resourceful Mongolian. They teach each other about their different worlds.

Emperor and the Assassin (1999)

Story of Huang Di, China's first emperor.

Gladiator (2000)

Upon the sudden death of Roman emperor Marcus Aurelius, his trusted and successful general Maximus Meridas is unlawfully imprisoned and condemned to the gladiator games by Marcus' twisted son Commodus

The Gods Must Be Crazy (1982)

A humorous account of what happens when the Bush people of the Kalahari encounter modern technology in the form of a coke bottle which drops down from an airplane.

Return of Martin Guerre (1983)

Set in early modern France, this is the story of a dissolute husband in a small village who disappears soon after his marriage. Years later he returns.

Seven Samurai (1954)

Action takes place in a small village in 16th century Japan beset by bandits and protected by Samurai.

Spartacus (1960)

The slave Spartacus leads a violent revolt against the decadent Roman empire

Thirteenth Warrior (1999)

The story of an Arab diplomat who was kidnapped by Vikings who were eaters of the dead.

300 (2006)

King Leonidas and a force of 300 men fight the Persians at Thermopylae in 480 B.C

Troy (2004)

An adaptation of Homer's great epic, the film follows the assault on Troy by the united Greek forces and chronicles the fates of the men involved

Where the Green Ants Dream (1984)

A mining expedition in the Australian outback is halted by Aborigines who declare ownership of the sacred place where mythical green ants are buried.