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Dear Parents:

Let me introduce myself. My name is Mr. Stewart and I will be your student's instructor for Literature of Film!

Please plan to visit the Cope website at <http://cope.redlandsusd.net>. To access my webpage click on "Student Links">"Class Websites">"Exploratory">"Lit. Of Film". Here you will find weekly assignments and due dates, long term assignments, files of class handouts which you can download and other information of interest. **You will also find a series of Class Web pages that will give you detailed information about class and assignment expectations, goals for the year, detailed behavior expectations, curriculum, homework, grading, and supplies.**

### **Literature of Film - Syllabus - Spring - 2017**

#### **Course Description:**

Literature of Film is an English Language Arts based exploratory class for 7th and 8th grade students. It is based on CCSS ELA for reading literature in grades 7 and 8.

#### **CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.7.7**

Compare and contrast a written story, drama, or poem to its audio, filmed, staged, or multimedia version, analyzing the effects of techniques unique to each medium (e.g., lighting, sound, color, or camera focus and angles in a film).

#### **CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.8.7**

Analyze the extent to which a filmed or live production of a story or drama stays faithful to or departs from the text or script, evaluating the choices made by the director or actors.

#### **Summary:**

Students will read a multiple longform texts that span a variety of genres and reading/lexile levels. While read texts and watching their corresponding films, students will keep a record of reading responses in an in-class journal. These responses will primarily adhere to the RACE and Jane Schaffer Writing formats. After each reading/viewing, students will create an ELA based art project in which they reflect in the themes, metaphors, and overarching meanings of the studied texts.

### **Tentative Book/Film List:**

- The Boy in the Striped Pajamas (Lexile 1080, Film Rated PG-13\*)
- Coraline (Lexile 740, Film Rated PG)
- Holes (Lexile 660, Film Rated PG)
- Princess Bride (Lexile 870, Film Rated PG)
- Maze Runner (Lexile 770, Film Rated PG-13\*)
- Alice Through The Looking Glass (Lexile 890, Film Rated PG)
- Goosebumps: Various Titles (Lexile 400+, Film Rated PG)

\*The Boy in the Striped Pajamas is rated PG-13 by the MPAA for some mature thematic material involving the Holocaust. This fictional film deals with issues surrounding the Jewish Holocaust and how two young boys—one German and one Jewish—may have perceived what was happening around them.

\*The Maze Runner is rated PG-13 by the MPAA for thematic elements and intense sequences of sci-fi violence and action, including some disturbing images. Violence: Characters are threatened and imprisoned for disobedience.

Please sign attached slip to give permission for your student to see PG-13 rated films listed above. Students If you would prefer that you student not see the PG-13 films, mark so accordingly on the slip.

### **Grade Percentage**

#### **Breakdown**

Class work = 40%

Homework = 15% (Approx 1 short form writing per week.)

Projects = 25%

Class Participation/Attitude = 20%

**COMMUNICATION** The easiest way for me to get you information is email. Please write your email address as legibly as possible on the sheet provided or send me an email and I will add your address to the list.

Email: [monet\\_stewart@redlands.k12.ca.us](mailto:monet_stewart@redlands.k12.ca.us)

School phone 307 – 5420 ext. 42444

I have voicemail so call anytime and leave a message.

Please detach this page and return to Mr. Stewart no later than Monday, August 15th, 2016

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"By signing below, I confirm that I have read, understand, and will comply with the course requirements for Literature of Film."

Print name of student: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of student: \_\_\_\_\_

Print name(s) of parent or guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Signatures(s) of parent or guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number(s) where you wish to be reached:

\_\_\_\_\_  
(May I call you at work?)      YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address or addresses (the best way to ensure that I have your correct email address is to send me an e-mail) or print your address below.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**PLEASE, PLEASE print the above VERY carefully, EXACTLY as it should be input into the computer or it will be sent back to me and I won't be able to contact you in this convenient way.**

**Please Circle one of the choices below.**

**Yes, I give my student permission to see the the PG-13 films listed above.**

**No, I do not give my student permission to see the PG-13 films listed above.**

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_