

IB FILM II
SUMMER FILMS AND READING

WHAT YOU WILL NEED

- A “Netflix” or an “I Love Video” or “Vulcan Video” account to view movies.
- A journal/notebook (prefer a notebook that you can bring to class). You will be writing journal entry responses to the films you watch.
- Access to internet and MyBack
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REQUIREMENTS (to be completed by the first day of classes in August):

This is worth three exam grades, a total of 300 points, literally the weight of your first three exams.

- 1) **Select 15 films** from the list provided (watch as many as you can!).
You should watch 1 film from each of the categories, and the rest is your choice.
- 2) **Write journal responses (1-2 pages each) for each of the films.** Each response should be in paragraph form and should be about your observations, insight, comments, and connections that you are making between the reading and the movies you watch. Your writing will be much richer if you research information about the film you watch before you write – simply stating your opinion will not give you much material to write about and you will not be able to go beyond your own opinion – for example, read articles written on the film by critics (**news paper articles from the New York Times, rogerebert.com, IMDB.com, filmsite.org, etc**). **You can also read the screenplay for the film at scriptcity.com or script-o-rama.com to get further insight.**

BOOKS TO BUY AND READ:

- Understanding Movies (12th Edition) [Paperback]
- *Film Directing: Shot by Shot* – by Steven D. Katz
- *Screenplay: The Foundations of Screenwriting* – by Syd Field (*optional, reference*)
- *The Poetics, by Aristotle* (*optional, reference*)

SELECTION OF FILMS

Early Cinema

The General (1926) – Buster Keaton
***City Lights (1931)** – Charlie Chaplin
***Modern Times (1936)** – Charlie Chaplin
The Gold Rush (1925) – Charlie Chaplin
***Nosferatu (1922)** – F.W. Murnau
***The cabinet of Dr. Calligari (1920)** – Rober Wiene
***The Jazz Singer (1929)** – Alan Crosland
Gone with the Wind (1939) – Victor Fleming
The Wizard of Oz (1939) – Victor Fleming
Living Russia/The Man with a camera (1929) – Dziga Vertov
Battleship Potemkin (1925) – SM Eisenstein

Classic Hollywood Cinema, Melodrama, and Epics
All about Eve (1950) – Joseph Mankiewicz
***Imitation of life (1959)** – Douglas Sirk
All that heaven allows (1955) – Douglas Sirk
Casablanca (1942) – Michael Curtiz
Mildred Pierce (1945) – Michael Curtiz
Maltese Falcon (1941) – John Huston
***Sunset Blvd. (1950)** – Billy Wilder
The Big Sleep (1946) – Howard Hawks
Lawrence of Arabia (1962) – David Lean
It's a wonderful life (1946) – Frank Capra
***It Happened one night (1934)** – Frank Capra
Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid (1969) – George Roy Hill
Giant (1956) – George Stevens
Bullitt (1968) – Peter Yates
The Thomas Crown Affair (1968) – Norman Jewison
***Bonnie and Clyde (1967)** – Arthur Penn
On the waterfront (1954) - Elia Kazan
A streetcar names desire (1951) – Elia Kazan
East of Eden (1955) – Elia Kazan
Sound of music (1965) – Robert Wise

Westerns and Spaghetti Westerns

Shane (1953) - George Stevens
***Stagecoach (1939)** – John Ford
High Noon (1952) – Fred Zinnemann
***The Searchers** – John Ford
***The Unforgiven (1992)** – Clint Eastwood
A Fistful of Dollars (1964) – Sergio Leone
Once upon a time in the west (1968) – Sergio Leone

Hitchcock

Notorious (1946)
North by Northwest (1959)
***Strangers on a train (1951)**
The Birds (1963)
***Rear Window (1954)**
Dial M for murder (1954)

Documentary

***Nanook of the north (1922)** – Robert Flaherty
Triumph of the will (1935) – Leni Riefenstahl
Don't look back (1967) – D.A. Pennebaker
***The Cove (2009)** – Louie Psihogios
***Man on Wire (2008)** – James Marsh
Grizzly Man (2005) – Werner Herzog
***The Thin Blue Line (1988)** – Errol Morris
Exit through the gift shop (2010)- Banksy
Shoah (1985) – Claude Lanzmann

Movie By Director

***Taxi Driver (1976)** – Martin Scorsese
Raging Bull (1980) – Martin Scorsese
Persona – Ingmar Bergman
Contempt – Jean-Luc Godard
***Breathless (1960)** – Jean-Luc Godard
The Godfather – Francis Ford Coppola
***The Godfather Part II** – Francis Ford Coppola
***Apocalypse Now (1979)** – Francis Ford Coppola
The Conversation (1974) – Francis Ford Coppola
The 400 Blows (1959) – Francois Truffaut
***Touch of Evil (1958)** – Orson Welles
Manhattan (1979) – Woody Allen
Annie Hall (1977) – Woody Allen
Dr. Strangelove or: How I learned to Stop Worrying and Love the Bomb (1964) – Stanley Kubrick
Blade Runner (1982) – Ridley Scott
***Rashomon (1950)** – Akira Kurosawa
A woman under the influence (1974) – John Cassavetes
***Chinatown (1974)** – Roman Polanski
***Rosmary's Baby (1968)** – Roman Polanski
***Schindler's List (1993)** – Steven Spielberg
The Color Purple (1985) – Steven Spielberg
Ed Wood (1994) – Tim Burton
Fargo (1996) – Joel Coen
***Se7en (1995)** – David Fincher
Platoon (1986) – Oliver Stone
***The Graduate (1967)** – Mike Nichols
Night of the Living Dead (1968) – George A. Romero
***The Shawshank Redemption (1994)** – Frank Darabont
Scarface (1983) – Brian De Palma
***Blowout (1981)** – Brian de Palma
American History X (1998) – Tony Kaye
Eternal Sunshine of the spotless mind (2004) – Michel Gondry
American Beauty (1999) – Sam Mendes
***Brazil (1985)** - Terry Gilliam
12 Monkeys (1995) – Terry Gilliam

Stand by me (1986) – Rob Reiner
Black Swan (2010) – Darren Aronofsky
**The Thing* (1982) – John Carpenter
Halloween (1979) – John Carpenter
**Children of Men* (2006) – Alfonso Cuarón
**Moon* (2009) – Duncan Jones
Big (1988) – Penny Marshall
Awakenings (1990) – Penny Marshall
**Being John Malkovich* (1999) – Spike Jonze
Adaptation (2002) – Spike Jonze
**Easy Rider* (1969) – Dennis Hopper
**Bamboozled* (2000) – Spike Lee

**Slumdog Millionaire* (2008) – Danny Boyle
Trainspotting (1996) – Danny Boyle
**Whale Rider* (2002) – Niki Caro

* Recommended

Foreign Cinema

***Seven Samurai* (1954) – Akira Kurosawa**
****Run Lola Run* (1999) – Tom Tykwer**
**Amelie (Fabuleux destin d'Amelie Poulain)* (2001)
– Jean Pierre Jeunet
**Amores Perros* (2001) – Alejandro González Iñárritu
***Babel* (2006) – Alejandro González Iñárritu**
Chunking Express (1994) – Kar Wai Wong
**All about my mother* (1999) - Pedro Almodóvar
Talk to her (2002) – Pedro Almodóvar
**La Haine* (1995) - Matthieu Kassovitz
****City of God* (2003) - Fernando Meirelles**
Let the Right One In (2008) by Tomas Alfredson
Oldboy (2003) – Chanwook Park
Devdas (2002) – Sanjay Leela Bhansali
Monsoon Wedding (2001) – Mira Nair
**Sin Nombre* (2009) – Cary Fukunaga
Lucía (1968) – Humberto Solás
Memories of Underdevelopment (1968) – Tomas Gutierrez Alea
Akira (1988) – Katsuhiro Otomo
***Das Boot* (1982) – Wolfgang Petersen**
Play Time – Jacques Tati
Kiss of the Spider Woman (1985) – Hector Babenco
**Pather Panchali* (1955) – Satyajit Ray
Three Colors: Blue, White, and Red (three different films with these titles) (1993;1994, and 1994) – Krzysztof Kieslowski
****Cinema Paradiso* (1988) – Giuseppe Tornatore**
**Yesterday* (2004) – Darrell Roodt
Moolaade (2004) – Ousmane Sembène
Russian Ark (2002) – Alexander Sokurov
**Central Station* (1998) – Walter Salles
**The Motorcycle Diaries* (2004) – Walter Salles
Nine Queens (2000) – Fabian Bielinsky
Battle of Algiers (1966) – Gillo Pontecorvo
**Like water for chocolate* (1992) – Alfonso Araújo
***Pan's Labyrinth* (2006) – Guillermo Del Toro**
**Spirited Away* (2002) – Hayao Miyazaki
**Leon: The Professional* (1994) – Luc Besson