Hollywood and History: Nazi Germany (History 270-01)

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Happy to schedule appointments outside these times as well; just contact me.

Email Etiquette:

- always include the topic of your email in the memo line
- never send an assignment by email unless specifically instructed to do so
- never assume that I read my email more than once a day, or that I will respond immediately when you send a message
- to receive a timely response to your questions, you should call or see me during my office hours
- the lack of planning on your part does not constitute an emergency on my part

Learning and teaching is a shared responsibility between the

professor and the students. My responsibility as the teacher is to provide expert knowledge and a stimulating environment in which to learn, identify learning goals and help you achieve them, and to offer timely, useful feedback on your progress as you test your competencies. Your responsibility as the learner is to always be prepared for class, successfully complete assignments in a *timely and thoughtful manner*, and to learn, that is to create new pathways in your brain that allow you to recall lessons and apply to real life situations years into the future.

Rationale for this course: Films and documentaries are the most frequent contact that you (and the general public) have with history. Filmmakers, therefore, have a tremendous influence on public understanding of historical events and individuals, thereby shaping collective, public memories. The making of film and the study of history are at odds. Filmmakers must invent characters, dialogues, events; they must compress timelines; they must displace and alter events and characters. The medium of film demands these adaptations; film tells stories through visual representation. On the other hand, historians' written text is based on archival research and their publications offer heavily documented footnote trails. Films and documentaries are works of art that bring filmmakers into conflict with the ethos of professional historians, who reject invention that inevitably occur in films and (even) documentaries. What is more, filmmakers offer interpretations of history that are far less complex and yet easy to consume, and historians fear losing control of the content to audiences who think that they have learned all there is to know. The conflict between the professional ethos of filmmakers and historians drives the analysis built into the course. We will "read" historical interpretations in dramatic films and documentaries, and compare them to the historical record, to develop appreciation for the limits and possibilities of "Hollywood's" artistic interpretation of the past. To analyze artistic expressions that make a claim to be "doing history" and have the power to shape the collective, public memory of the past is a life-long learning skill.

Communication:

All course materials are found in **BOLT** https://bolt.bloomu.edu. All written communication is completed through your BU email address so you must access that account routinely. Any alterations to the course syllabus, meeting times, etc will be announced as a news item in BOLT and with a group email @huskies.bloomu.edu. Please ask questions if any instruction is ever unclear. I maintain a web site on learning and teaching history: http://facstaff.bloomu.edu/lstallba. You will find useful tutorials about how to write history essays, reading tips, etc. In addition, I will have the most updated syllabus available there in case you are having difficulty accessing it through BOLT.

Technology Requirements & Policies



- If you struggle accessing material through one browser, try a different one. (Safari is notoriously unreliable; Chrome tends to work best.)
- If you are sent video feedback, I use Screencast.com, note that some web browsers will block this content. Know how to change these settings to unblock.
- Be sure you routinely update Java script and internet browsers.
- High-speed internet (no dial up) to stream recorded lectures and view documentaries. Be aware that wireless connections can be slower.
- You need to know how and are able to access all course materials from BOLT.
- Use **Microsoft Word** to upload all written work to BOLT or to me (i.e. file extension is a .doc or .docx) or use rtf/odt. Failure to upload written work that I can open with ODT or .doc or .docx will result in withholding your grade for that item until you correct the error.



Mobile Technology Policy

Put your cell phone in silent mode <u>upon beginning class</u> and keep it in your pocket, purse or school bag or place face down on your desk. By the way, leaving class to answer a cell phone call or to text a message is an equally inappropriate

use of class time. You are demonstrating an inability to exercise self-control and prioritize. Cut the cords, be independent and avoid addictive behavior! (If you are on-call for your job, you need to make me aware of that.)

Attempting to multi-task is not possible to accomplish successfully; from my perspective, it shows a lack of engagement in the subject matter. In short, it is not conducive to learning.

You should not need a laptop while attending class. Lecture notes and readings are in the photocopy packet or distributed in advance. While screening films, you should have your eyes on the movie, not your laptop. (Usually my policy is: If you bring a laptop, tablet, etc., please have a G-rated screen saver. You should not access games, check or send emails, tweet, Instagram, check facebook, etc. If I even SUSPECT from your facial features that you are multitasking or not paying attention to the course, I will ask you to never bring it again. Of course, you are permitted to use them for class related activities.)

Consequences? You may be asked to leave the class if you are suspected or found to be violating the above policies. You will be asked not to bring your laptop to class or to leave if you are making inappropriate use of your laptop or mobile device.

Required Texts

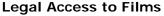


Required Readings in Photocopy Packet

- Robert Rosenstone, Visions of the Past
- Syd Field, "Screenwriting" and "Adaptation"
- Alison Landsberg, "Prosthetic Memory"
- Carl Plantinga, "Introduction: Affect and the Movies"

Additional Required Readings To be Distributed in Class:

- Hitler's Last Days (sources)
- Eichmann: The Sources
- Alone in Berlin (previews, reviews) + URL links to trailers will be in BOLT → Content→Trailers
- Sophie Scholl: The Sources
- Lore (previews, reviews) + URL links to trailers
 will be in BOLT → Content→Trailers



- Some assignments require you to view or complete viewing movies outside of class.
 These films are available through BOLT →
 - **Content → Movies.** (The movies available through BOLT require a good internet connection with powerful streaming.)
- Viewer suggestion: video streaming on small laptops, smart phones, etc is becoming quite popular, yet you might want to consider how the device may affect your experience. Some films should just be seen on a big screen especially if that was how they were originally released!
- Netflix and other streaming services are not required, but some excellent films are available there and not on DVDs that can be played in Region 2: Look Who's Back and The People vs. Fritz Bauer are just two examples.

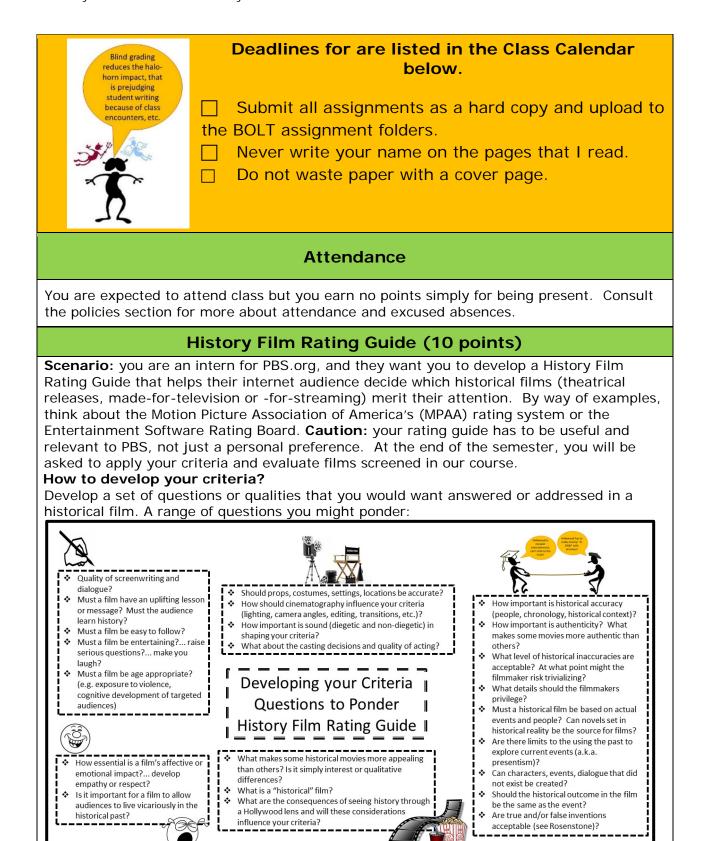
Always read from a hard copy of the materials!
Always bring a hard copy to class!
It improves your learning and hence your grade!

As you contribute to discussion, you are going to be asked to share page numbers, read passages, etc.

Assessment of Student Learning







Your Guide <u>must</u> include the following:

- A minimum of three scales.
- ☐ Criteria clearly communicated <u>through words</u> and visuals.
- Useful and comprehensible to PBS's diverse audience with a broad range of interest levels in historical films (i.e. casual movie-goer, history nerd, etc.)
- Professional in appearance.

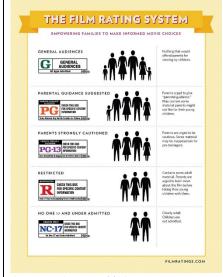
☐ Submission:

- May have to submit as a PDF or else use Microsoft Word to upload all written work to BOLT (i.e. file extension is a .doc or .docx; odt or pdf also acceptable)
- Submit a copy to **BOLT** → **Assignment Folder** by the time indicated in the course calendar.

How will this be graded? (New assignment; rubric is a draft)

8.5-10 points	7-8.5 points	Below 7 points
Meets the minimum:		
Three scales	Uses words and visuals	
PBS audience	Professional in appearance	
 Outsider, unfamiliar with course, could use your rating guide to make decisions about watching historical films, not just films about Nazi German Very little revision necessary beyond fixing isolated typos. Insider can see the influence of the course, thoughtful. 	historical films, not just	 Levels not clearly different. Word choice undermines clarity; questions raised. Lacking minimum three levels. Failing to think about the range of viewers who would consult PBS for a History Film Rating Guide.

Just two image examples found through a google image search of rating systems.



Source: https://filmratings.com/RatingsGuide; See also: https://www.mpaa.org/



EARLY CHILDHOOD

Titles rated EC (Early Childhood) have content that may be suitable for ages 3 and older. Contains no material that parents would find inappropriate.



EVERYONE 10+

Titles rated E10+ (Everyone 10 and older)
have content that may be suitable for ages 10
and older. Titles in this category may contain
more cartoon, fantasy or mild violence, mild
language and/or minimal suggestive themes.



MATURE

Titles rated M (Mature) have content that may be suitable for persons ages 17 and older. Titles in this category may contain intense violence, blood and gore, sexual content and/or strong



EVERYONE

Titles rated E (Everyone) have content that may be suitable for ages 6 and older. Titles in this category may contain minimal cartoon, fantasy or mild violence and/or infrequent use of mild language.



TEEN

Titles rated T (Teen) have content that may be suitable for ages 13 and older. Titles in this category may contain violence, suggestive themes, crude humor, minimal blood, simulated gambling, and/or infrequent use of strong language.



ADULTS ONLY

Titles rated AO (Adults Only) have content that should only be played by persons 18 years and older. Titles in this category may include prolonged scenes of intense violence and/or

Source: http://www.esrb.org/

Discussion grade (3 points for each discussion)

- We will discuss the meaning and interpretation of primary (documentary) and secondary (historical interpretations) sources on specific subjects that are either controversial or deserve in-depth attention. Naturally, you are expected to have studied, not just read the material assigned.
- Discussion allows students to think through the material with their classmates; the professor serves as a facilitator to keep students on track.
- Questions to guide your reading of document collections can be found in the syllabus calendar below and in the document log entry assignments. Discussion is not limited to those questions.
- Always have the discussion material in front of you; be prepared to explain how you arrived at an interpretation or why you are raising questions by making reference to specific documents, page numbers, paragraphs.
- In order for everyone to benefit from discussion, everyone should be engaged. If you have a serious and legitimate problem with shyness, you should discuss this with me at the beginning of the semester. Or if you tend to learn best by listening, then we need to discuss this.
- How is discussion graded? Participation can take the form of responding to questions
 posed by the professor or your classmates; asking questions to clarify any confusion
 that you have about the content of the readings or the ideas they generate; offering
 your interpretation of questions and documents.
 - 0 points if you are absent;
 - 1.5-2 points if you attend discussion but never speak; if what you say is totally irrelevant or clearly un-informed by having read the primary and secondary sources;
 - 2.25 points if you make at least one relevant contribution that is informed by the readings;
 - 2.5 points if you make at least two relevant contributions that is informed by the readings;

 3 points if you make three or more relevant contributions that are informed by the readings.

Stuff happens option: we all have bad days, fail to engage or get overwhelmed with work, and cannot prepare adequately. Your lowest discussion grade will be dropped at the end of the semester. If you miss a discussion, this will be the lowest grade dropped. So it is better to attend and be ill-prepared, than not to attend.

Ticket Out

(2 points each)

- Each time we screen a film in class (even if we do not finish it), we not only have discussion, but you are asked to complete a "Ticket Out".
- You respond to questions posed and you earn 2 points if you have made a good faith effort to respond to the questions by supporting your claims with examples from the film.
- The Tickets are collected upon completing the film (or the next class meeting in cases if you finish the film outside of class).
- These Tickets will be returned to you at the next class meeting. They are intended to refresh your memory about the films.
- Drop the lowest grade (either a 0 or a non-attendance).

"...knowing how to read something results almost automatically from knowing why we are reading, and without some purpose, reading is an aimless activity." ~ Katherine Gottschalk and Keith Hjortshoj¹

In-Class Quiz

(between 20-25 points)

Some combination of multiple choice, fill-in-the-blank, short answer, matching. Consult

calendar for quiz schedule.
Testing ability to retrieve essential content and be able to explain major concepts originating from the following: Stallbaumer's Lectuer Notes (up to the point of the quiz) Robert Rosenstone, Visions of the Past Syd Field, "Screenwriting" and "Adaptation" Alison Landsberg, "Prosthetic Memory" Carl Plantinga, "Introduction: Affect and the Movies" Approximately 30 minutes in length. See calendar for date.
Writing to Learn (WTL) (5 points each; total of 15 points)

General Guidelines:

¹ Katherine Gottschalk and Keith Hjortshoj, Elements of Teaching Writing: A Resource for Instructors in all Disciplines (New York: Bedford/St. Martins, 2003), 124.

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- These are informal writing assignments in which you respond to the questions posed and support with examples from the assigned materials.
- Corroborate response to each question with two examples and do not ignore examples that might undermine your response
- Informal does <u>not</u> mean slip-shod work thrown together at the last minute, nor random thoughts nor stream of consciousness.
- Informal means:
 - Your response to the questions offer interpretations that are supported with evidence from the assigned readings.
 - Do NOT write intros or conclusions; do not get hung up on word choice, segues, or topic sentences though you probably should not submit your first draft!

Know your Audience:

- Your responses should be written so that any intelligent person, possessing a limited understanding of the subject matter, could comprehend. In short, do not assume the reader knows the course, its content or the reading assignment. On another level, understand that the primary reader of your WTLs, me, knows what kind of sources you had at your disposal to support your interpretation.
- This assignment is based on the premise that writing about what you have read is a means of thinking through the material. Often the process of writing generates new thoughts.

Should you cite your sources?

- Any idea not your own, and that is not common knowledge (stated by three or more people; routinely found in textbooks or encyclopedias) should be cited in parenthesis (to maintain informality) so that your work can be retraced. Note: parenthetical citations are not usually used by historians; consult the Writing Manual in photocopy packet.)
- Cite even if you are paraphrasing or summarizing.
- Quotation marks must encase verbatim passages to signal the reader that these are not your words.
- You must authentically paraphrase; do <u>not</u> patch write by changing every third or fifth word.

Details for Format and Submission:

- No late assignments accepted.
- Bring a hard copy to class with your name written on the back of the page so that I
 may grade blindly.
- Also, upload a copy to BOLT before class begins that day as a word document (ending in .doc or .docx) or as ODF/rtf. Failure to submit to BOLT in the word document or ODT format will lead to your grade being withheld. Mac/Apple users are responsible for resolving the obstacles created by not using a PC.
- Length: Single Spaced, about 1 page in length, not to exceed 2 pages single-spaced
- Number the questions to organize your responses.
- Font: (Typed, single-spaced, Verdana 10 point font; Calibri 11 point font; or Times New Roman 10 point font.)

WTL 1

Several films have been dedicated to Hitler's last days, from his birthday 20 April through his suicide ten days later. They include: *Death of Adolf Hitler* (1972); *Hitler: The Last Ten Days* (1973); *The Bunker* (1981); *Der Untergang* (2004); and *Die Letzte Schlacht* (2005). Why have filmmakers revisited this topic? What impressions are we left with about Hitler,

his entourage, Berlin, and Berliners in the last weeks of war? Have portrayals of Hitler changed over time?

We will begin this exploration by asking you to screen (view with engagement) either *Hitler: The Last Ten Days* (1973, starring Alec Guinnes) or *The Bunker* (1981, starring Anthony Hopkins).

Respond to the following questions in preparation for comparing portrayals.

- 1. What impressions are we left with about Hitler, his entourage, Berlin, and Berliners in the last weeks of war? (Substantiate claims by describing examples in the film and cite film frames.)
- 2. One goal of the film was to bear witness, yet what lesson or lessons might the film provide to audiences?
- 3. What scene was most believable and least believable about the film? (A **scene** is a "specific unit of action"; every scene has a place and time, and if either time or place change, then there is a new scene. Scenes are the fragments that make up the whole.² So avoid discussing surface errors such as wrong uniforms, minute details, etc.)

WTL 2

Adolf Eichmann has evoked considerable interest in Hollywood. In addition to *Eichmann* (2007), plays the antagonist, he is a major character in *Conspiracy* (2001) played by Stanley Tucci. Eichmann's capture is explored in several films: Operation Finale (2018), played by Ben Kingsley; *The Man who Captured Eichmann* (1996); *Der Staat gegen Fritz Bauer* (2015); *Die Akte General* (German television, 2016); In some of these films, Eichmann is only mentioned, never seen. In addition, the *Eichmann Show* (2015) gives us a behind-the-scenes look into debates about televising the trial. In your WTL, respond to these three questions and support your claims with evidence.

- 1. What emerge as the limits and possibilities of portraying Eichmann in film and written word? (Provide specific, corroborating examples from film and sources.)
- 2. What can audiences learn from watching *Eichmann* compared to reading about him?
- 3. How does this film help you ponder your History Film Rating Guide?

WTL 3

Operation Valkyrie was the plan to seize control of the Nazi state after Hitler's assassination. The plans were developed by a group of conspirators, some of whom had been plotting for several years. They came from the private sector and military. Out of all the resistance efforts, this group of conspirators had the potential to seize power because many were well-placed and had experience working in government. Claus von Stauffenberg, who planted the bomb meant to kill Hitler, joined this resistance movement in 1943. In the first decade after Germany's defeat, three German directors made films about the the July 1944 assassination attempt. They were *Canaris* (dir. Alfred Weidenmann, 1954, BDR); *Es geschah am 20. Juli (Jackboot Mutiny*, dir. George Pabst, 1955); Der 20. Juli (*Plot to Assassinate Hitler*, dir. Falk Harnack, 1955). None of these met with box office success, perhaps for several reasons, but most important many Germans did not see the conspirators as heroes. Critics either concluded that the attempt could undermine the war effort and "soil their own nest;" or the conspirators were engaging in an

² Syd Field, *Screenplay: The Foundations of Screenwriting*, 3rd ed. (New York: Dell, 1994), 132-134.

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illegal act to overthrow a legitimate government. The assassination plot would largely go unnoticed by filmmakers until the release of the televised German production in 2004, Stauffenberg (in US market called Operation Valkyrie), and the theatrical release of Valkyrie in 2008 which garnered considerable publicity with its all-star cast including Tom Cruise playing von Stauffenberg.

Screen Operation Valkyrie (2004) and Valkyrie (2008), and respond to the following questions:

- 1. What will be the major lessons that audiences would learn from both films?
- 2. Was the 2008 production necessary? Explain by offering comparisons.
- 3. How does this film help you ponder your History Film Rating Guide?

WTL H	olistic Rubric	(updated 25 August 2018)
5 points	 □ Corroborates response with two examples □ Does not ignore examples that might undermine □ Responds to all questions evenly and thoughtfull □ Supports with examples from relevant written to Reader has no difficulty comprehending the substitudent responses are insightful and creatively to shaping the assignments/course and goal of the □ Cites quotations, paraphrases, summaries; uses passages 	ext ext stance of ideas, no need to clarify thinking about the essential questions WTL
4 points	 Reader might ask for clarification but not be con Supports with examples from relevant written to examples to illustrate claims Corroborates response with two examples but mexamples prove Response to all questions but perhaps a bit unex Cites quotations, paraphrases, summaries; uses passages 	ext, but perhaps not the best hay not fully explain what the ven quotation marks around verbatim
3.5 points	 □ Reader might be confused and definitely ask for tease out the meaning □ Responds but not even or thoughtful □ Supports with examples from relevant film or buclearly □ Corroboration is weak or unconvincing □ Still not misrepresenting/misinterpreting relevant □ Cites quotations, paraphrases, summaries; uses passages 	ut not explained convincingly or
3.25 points or lower	Does not answer each question Does not corroborate with examples Does not explain examples Empty claims Response uninformed by relevant text Misrepresenting/misinterpreting relevant text Incoherent	Fails to Cites page numbers when paraphrasing, summarizing, or quoting Fails to cite film frames. Verbatim language from film or text are placed in quotation marks Authentically paraphrases
	Coming Attraction	ac .

(10 points prequel; 5 points sequel)

How does Hollywood sell tickets or commercial time? They build desire for a movie and create expectations. They make film trailers, press kits, and send the directors, writers,

and actors on press tours. They grab the attention of journalists, who then write stories in anticipation of the film's release or broadcast, followed by reviews. All of this in an effort to hook audiences or viewers. If the film is historical, filmmakers and actors may discuss their research, make note of historical consultants, point out the historical sources shaping the film, and claim that their film explores or portrays what "really happened." They may even turn the movie into an "event," complete with premier, panel discussions, educational website, and supplementary teaching materials.

Film trailers, whether shown in theaters or streamed online "get audiences to window shop." Producers of film trailers create expectations; they carefully select images "with a surface gloss of exaggerated spectacularity" that may intentionally mislead or at least not appear in the final cut. Lisa Kernan, who studies audience reception, writes, "The fast pace of most trailers accentuates the film's surface of cinematic spectacle, displaying the film's shiniest wares, or most attractive images, positioning it as a commodity for sale." ³ Have you ever experienced a trailer misleading you about a film? When trailers are made for historical films, what expectations are created? What cinematic images, narratives, and spectacle will draw audiences? When the historical topic is noteworthy for being violent, terrifying, horrific, complex, how will the trailer be composed? What claims will the trailer make to lure audiences? In addition, the press is drawn into the spectacle to report upon the making of the movie and reviewing it. When the movie is historical, through the film's promotion, the filmmakers claim to be "doing history," yet sceptics might call it "historytainment."

This assignment has a **prequel** and a **sequel**:

Preguel (10 points): To develop an appreciation for how Hollywood creates expectations and makes claims to history, you should study the trailers and assigned newspaper sources and explain what your expectations are for the film. Specifically,

- 1. What do you expect to learn?
- 2. Why is the film important?
- 3. What images are meant to attract?
- 4. What claims are made to be doing history?

Sequel (pass or fail-5 points): Having screened the film, reflect upon the expectations created by trailers and the press, and respond to the following question(s):

- 1. What have you discovered about the promotion of this film?
- 2. How did it impact your expectations?
- 3. How did it impact your viewing experience?

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bw to submit:
☐ Provide essential information about the film (see Writing Manual).
☐ Be sure to label your responses as Prequel/Sequel and provide question numbers.
☐ Paragraph length responses to each question, not an essay.
Responses to questions are illustrated with an example so an outsider can imagine.
☐ In the Sequel, you likely will describe or identify a scene to illustrate the example.
Be sure to cite the frames. (See Writing Manual).
☐ Submitted in hard copy and BOLT; allow me to grade blindly.

³ Lisa Kernan, Coming Attractions: Reading American Movie Trailers (Austin: University of Texas, 2004), 10. In comedies, we see the funniest parts, sometimes, the only funny parts! Copyright 2018 Lisa M. Stallbaumer-Beishline as to this syllabus and all lectures. During this course students are prohibited from selling notes to or being paid for taking notes by any person or commercial firm without the express written permission of the professor teaching this course. The syllabus is subject to change.

Two Film Reviews

(20 points each; total of 40 points)

General Guidelines for Film Reviews

- Audience? Readers of the American Historical Review. This journal is published by the American Historical Association, the largest organization representing professional historians. The journal editors have solicited your review because of your expertise in studying film (i.e. not necessarily a professional historian like the reading audience).
 - o Film Review 1: Downfall
 - o Film Review 2: Sophie Scholl
- A review should possess the following qualities: entice, examine, elucidate, and evaluate knowing the intended audience's expectations.
 - o **Entice:** catch your reader's attention so that s/he will want to read (found in the introductory paragraph).
 - **Examine:** provide sufficient information about the film and the director's goals so the reader has a capsule summary (may be found in the introductory or first body paragraph).
 - Elucidate: The body of your review makes claims about the quality of the film substantiated with discussion of the film. If some of your evaluation is shaped by the content of written sources that inspired the movie, then you may also need to compare the film to the text.
 - Evaluate: you are being asked to evaluate the film for a reading audience that subscribes to the AHA. These individuals are mostly professional historians and graduate students in history, whose professional ethos differs significantly from filmmakers. Yet these readers have a broad range of expectations: on one end of the spectrum are the hyper-critical who have an incredibly low threshold of tolerance for invention and inaccuracies; many probably share Robert Rosenstone's views that inaccuracies are inevitable, but authenticity can be achieved and a film achieve goals that a book cannot; a minority might conclude that filmmakers provide "historytainment." Your review is being solicited because you understand the film industry and are knowledgeable about the subject content from having read the text upon which the film is based. So your opinion should be informed by a careful analysis of the film and be professional in tone and persuasive. Your opinion of the film may differ sharply from your reading audience. What matters is how convincingly you have substantiated the claims in your review (integrated into the body paragraphs as you examine and elucidate then restated briefly in the concluding paragraph), not if your

reading audience agrees with you.
Professional in appearance and tone.
☐ Standard written English.
☐ A title that captures the essence of your review.
☐ Be creative, but not verbose.
Avoid misrepresenting the film or written texts upon which the film is based.
Cite <u>and</u> use quotation marks around verbatim passages from any text or dialogue
quoted
Citing film frames when describing or making note of particular scenes.
About 3-5 pages, double-spaced, 1-inch margins, Verdana, 10 point font; Calibri, 11
point font; Times New Roman, 10 point font.

Film Review Rubric (updated 25 Augus			ıst 2018)					
Content (does not replace reading the assignment guidelines; read both)			Ready for publication !!!!! (A range	on	Minor Revisions before publication (B and C)	Revi (D a	ajor Isions Ind F Inge)	
3		orical audience, and does no ader who knows the course	t assume		\	es or No)	
relevant text that i	nspired i	nformation about the film (a t) (title of film, director, scre najor actors, 1-2 sentence sy	eenwriter,			Yes or No	0	
Entices the reader	in the fir	st paragraph		5	4	3	2	1
Recommendations from the film that a		stantiated by offering specific rative	c examples	5	4	3	2	1
Reviews, evaluates	s, does n	ot report		5	4	3	2	1
filmmakers' goals r	may not f the film	e context of the filmmakers' be stated but reviewer infers and additional research suc	s them `	5	4	3	2	1
Appreciates, though does not have to agree with, the professional historian's professional ethos and range of opinions about historical films (e.g. the audience will be a mix of readers, some of whom expect historical accuracy, complexity, while others hope the film achieves some sort of authenticity and/or makes an emotional connection, etc.)			5	4	3	2	1	
Facilitates the reading audience's decision to watch the movie given their interest in the subject and dedication to professional history			5	4	3	2	1	
Focuses on the essential elements of the movie; sorts the valuable information from the trivial			5	4	3	2	1	
Avoids misrepresenting or misinterpreting movie or text that inspired			5	4	3	2	1	
historically accurate of might achieve authen	given the inticity; eve	of the assignment (no film can nature of the medium, but the file on if they achieve authenticity, hadermine your evaluation)	Immakers					
Composition Standard Writ English					clarity			
Room to improve:			es iming last					
Academic Integrity	Yes N	lo paraphrases authenticall cites page numbers whe written text verbatim passages from	n summarizi				_	

	cites film frames w	when summarizing, describing, quo	ting dialogue
Professional Appearance	Clean copy quality suggests student took time to proofread and edit	Take more time to proofread	Did you proofread? Or "one and done"!
Reader experience	Flow between sentences and paragraphs, paragraph topic sentences and transitions stay focus on film recommendations, logical paragraph breaks, coherent, pleasant experience, articulate, creative, not verbose	Reader might struggle a bit with an occasional jump in logic between sentences or paragraphs, get confused because an isolated word or passage lacks clarity, word order or passive voice makes sentences difficult to follow, yet reader will be able to decide if s/he wants to watch the movie	Difficult to follow because goals never clarified, report or describes but does not review, poorly organized, goal of paragraphs unclear, lacks flow, weak vocabulary, punctuation errors that interfere with meaning, cumbersome word order or passive voice makes it a chore to read
Final Exam (approximately 30 points)			
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Grading Scale

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Grades are <u>earned</u> and not based on "effort"; the letter grade communicates <u>a level of competency</u>: excellent (A range); above average (B range); average (C range); below average (D range); and unacceptable (F range). Total points are determined at the end of the semester (the points will approximately add up to ____). A letter grade will be based on the percentage of total points earned. I try to update the BOLT gradebook periodically.

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A Range	B Range	C Range	D Range	F Range
A 94-100%	B+ 87-89%	C+ 77-79%	D+ 67-69%	F 0-59%
A- 90-93%	B 84-86%	C 74-76%	D 60-66%	
	B- 80-83%	C- 70-73%		

Policies



Integrity, simply defined, is doing what is right even when no one is looking.

Do not make a mockery of individual achievement.

Take pride in your work and respect others' work.

You are expected to be familiar with the following university policies:

Academic Integrity

Academic dishonesty includes: cheating, plagiarism, fabrication, misrepresenting circumstances, impersonation, obtaining an unfair advantage, aiding and abetting of academic dishonesty, falsification of records and official documents, and unauthorized access to computerized academic or administrative records or systems. For detailed definitions of these examples of academic dishonesty, consult Bloomsburg University's http://www.bloomu.edu/policies_procedures/3512

Student Disruptive Behavior Policy

http://www.bloomu.edu/policies_procedures/3881

Attendance Policy

http://www.bloomu.edu/policies_procedures/3506



Dr. Stallbaumer's Attendance and Assignment Deadlines' Policies

- Regular classroom attendance is expected. There is a direct corollary between attendance and doing well in the course.
- ※ An absence is excused if you have a varsity sports event, religious holy days, military and military reserve activity, illness that is documented by the health center or a doctor, and funerals. You must provide documentation that allows me to verify that your excuse is legitimate.
- X There is no makeup for unexcused absences; examples include court dates, sleeping in, studying for other classes, leaving campus early or arriving late because of ride-sharing, family vacations, even tending to a sick relative, etc. By the way, **falsely representing** why you are absent is a violation of academic integrity.
- If you missed a discussion due to an excused absence, you may make this up by responding in writing to the discussion questions listed in the Calendar on the day that you missed; your response to the questions must demonstrate that you have completed the readings and pondered them. These are due at our next class meeting with the excuse. Do not wait until the next class meeting to discuss how you can make-up the work. If you are in doubt, email me.

Stuff Happens Option: Recognizing that stuff happens that could interfere with submitting written work on time, you are allowed to use the "stuff happens" excuse **once**. This provides you with an additional 72 hours beyond the deadline to complete your assignment. To use your "stuff happens option," you need to email me so that I can keep records. You will be asked to submit the hard copy unless the new deadline hits on a weekend. Only be used once on Film Reviews and Coming Attractions.



Need help with study skills and writing?

BU's Writing and Literacy Engagement Studio (WALES) Support for Writing and Reading

The Writing and Literacy Engagement Studio (WALES), supports students' growth as writers and readers. We enjoy both easing the writing process for all students of every major and also helping students develop strategies to help them read and make sense of course and research material. We are a free resource for undergraduate and graduate students. Our diverse staff of WALES consultants represent a variety of majors and share the common goal of working with students to develop skills and strategies that help them grow as readers and writers. Students set the agenda for each appointment—whether they're concerned about getting started on a writing project, or about improving clarity, grammar, organization, citations or any other aspect of writing or the English language. Appointments are highly recommended, but walk-ins are welcome.

WALES consultants are also available to conduct sessions <u>online</u>. Commuting students or any student who wants to work with a consultant but cannot get to one of our locations will be able to reach us online through a link we will provide. Students will be able to speak with consultants and share their documents, usually without having to download any new software. We will be offering workshops and individual tutorials for students who are interested in working with us online.

WALES hours for Fall 2018

- In Bakeless 206, Mon.—Thurs. from 9:00 am to 7:00 pm and Fridays from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.
- In the Elwell lobby area, Sun.—Thurs. from 7:00 pm to 11:00 pm.
- In Andruss (Schweiker Room), Sun.—Thurs. from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm.

You can drop in to Bakeless 206 or request an appointment through email: wales@bloomu.edu. Visit their website (www.bloomu.edu/wales) for more information.

University Tutorial Services: If you feel you need extra help to improve your academic performance in this or any of your courses, please consider requesting a tutor in University Tutorial Services (UTS). UTS offers peer tutoring at no charge to Bloomsburg University students. The UTS office is located in Warren Student Services Center, Room 13

Accommodative Services

Any students eligible for classroom accommodations are invited to meet with me to discuss their concerns and to present their disclosure forms from the Office of Accommodative Services.

Our University provides reasonable accommodations to students who have documented disabilities. If you have a documented disability that requires academic accommodations and are not registered with the Accommodative Services Office, please contact this office in the Warren Student Services Center, Room 043 as soon as possible to establish your eligibility.

Reading the Course Calendar

According to the schedule below, you should have studied, not just read, <u>by the date</u> of the class meeting the assigned readings and be prepared to discuss them. Please note when assignments are due.

If classes are canceled because of road conditions, bad weather, etc., I will use BOLT and your school email accounts to announce any changes that must be made to the syllabus; it is your responsibility to check for these notifications. If in doubt, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Class Meeting Dates	Schedule of Assignment Deadlines, Readings, Class Meetings
Mon, 27 Aug	Goals: ■ What are the course expectations? ■ What are student motivations for taking the course? ■ What is Hollywood's power to shape popular memory?
Between classes do the following	 Review syllabus and bring questions to class. Begin reading Robert Rosenstone, Visions of the Past in Photocopy Packet
Wed, 29 Aug	Lecture: Working Assumptions about Hollywood and History Discussion: Questions about syllabus? Assignments? Deadlines? Submission?
Between classes do the following	 ☐ Continue reading Robert Rosenstone, Visions of the Past in Photocopy Packet ☐ Review: History Film Rating Guide Assignment
Mon, 3 Sep	Labor Day, No class meeting
Between classes do the following	 □ Continue reading Robert Rosenstone, Visions of the Past in Photocopy Packet □ Review: History Film Rating Guide Assignment □ Before 17 September, screen either Hitler: The Last Ten Days (1973, starring Alec Guinnes) or The Bunker (1981, starring Anthony Hopkins) and compose WTL 1.
Wed, 5 Sep	Lecture: Historians and Hollywood: The Clash of Professional Ethos? Introduce History Film Rating Guide Assignment
Between classes do the following	 ☐ Finish reading and prepare to discuss Robert Rosenstone, Visions of the Past in photocopy packet ☐ Before 17 September, screen either Hitler: The Last Ten Days (1973, starring Alec Guinnes) or The Bunker (1981, starring Anthony Hopkins) and compose WTL 1.
Mon, 10 Sep	 Discussion: Consult Rosenstone and Lecture Notes Why might historians, especially "Dragnet historians," dislike Hollywood's versions of history? What should historians understand about how movies get made? What are specific techniques discussed by Rosenstone that filmmakers use to make movies out of history? What is a historical film? Can history be told through film? What are "true" and "false" inventions?

	6. What is the "Hollywood tradition" and how does it affect filmmakers and their work?
Between classes do the following	 Read and make notes: Syd Field, Screenplay (excerpts from "Screenplay" and "Adaptation") Before 17 September, screen either Hitler: The Last Ten Days (1973, starring Alec Guinnes) or The Bunker (1981, starring Anthony Hopkins) and compose WTL 1.
Wed, 12 Sep	 Discussion: In learning about the defining features of writing screenplays, what patterns in a film would you expect to find? Given Field's advice on adapting novels, historical events, biographies etc, how will that impact accuracy and authenticity in historical films? We have now studied filmmaking from two professional perspectives: professional historians and a screenwriter. What are the causes of the clash between their professional ethos? What are your opinions about how Hollywood does history?
Between classes do the following	Read: History Film Rating Guide Assignment (in syllabus) Be preparing for In Quiz Submit hard copy of WTL 1 in class Monday, 17 September PLUS upload to BOLT by 4:30 PM
Mon, 17 Sep	Lecture: Making Movies
Between classes do the following	☐ Read and make notes:☐ Alison Landsberg, "Prosthetic Memory"☐ Carl Plantinga, "Introduction: Affect and the Movies"
Wed, 19 Sep	 Discussion: Has a film ever had a profound affect upon you? Compelled you to new thoughts? actions? How might movies shape collective memory? Why do audiences pay to experience a range of emotions at the movies especially when those are negative emotions such as fear and sadness? What does Landsberg mean by "prosthetic memory"? Is the concept useful in understanding emotional engagement with film?
Between classes do the following	 Prepare for In Class Quiz (approximately 30 minutes) Study Stallbaumer Lecture Notes, Rosenstone, Field, Landsberg, and Plantinga
Mon, 24 Sep	 In class Quiz: Some combination of multiple choice, matching, fill-in-the-blank, short answer. Discuss: History Film Rating Guide Brainstorming Session
Between	
classes do the following	☐ Begin Reading: Hitler's Last Days (sources)

	 What are the pitfalls of only portraying Hitler as evil, all-powerful, monstrous, dictator? In humanizing Hitler, do we risk normalizing monstrous crimes against humanity?
Between classes do the following	☐ Finish Reading: Hitler's Last Days (sources) in preparation for discussion
Mon, 1 Oct	 Discussion: Hitler's Last Days 1. What are limits and possibilities of a historical interpretation of Hitler's last days from eyewitness accounts and Hitler's Last Testament? 2. What impressions are you left with about Hitler from these sources? 3. How should Hitler be portrayed in film?
Between classes do the following	Screen on your own time: Hitler: The Rise of Evil (part 1; watching part 2 is voluntary; in some ways, in my opinion, better than part 1)
Wed, 3 Oct	Begin Screening: Downfall
Between classes do the following	 Read: Film Review Assignment Guidelines (in syllabus) Review: History Film Rating Guide Assignment Ponder: How are your opinions shaping up about portrayals of Hitler and your criteria for a History Film Rating Guide.
Mon, 8 Oct	Continue Screening: Downfall
Between classes do the following	 ☐ Finish Screening on your own time: Downfall ☐ Complete Ticket Out: Bring completed to next class meeting ☐ Ponder the Composition of Film Review 1
Wed, 10 Oct	Q & A: Film Reviews Lecture: "Desk Murderers" Working Towards the Führer
Between classes do the following	 □ Be composing Film Review I: Downfall □ Consult WALES for help □ Consult professor for help
Mon, 15 Oct	Begin Screening: Eichmann
Between classes do the following	Submit hard copy of Film Review 1 in class Wednesday, 17 October PLUS upload to BOLT by 4:30 PM
Wed, 17 Oct	Continue Screening: Eichmann
Between classes do the following	 ☐ Finish Screening: Eichmann (if we have not completed in class) ☐ Complete Ticket Out: Bring completed to next class meeting if we did not collect on 17 October ☐ Read: Eichmann: The Sources
Mon, 22 Oct	Discussion: 1. What do we learn about Eichmann from the printed sources? 2. What are challenges that we face interpreting Eichmann from the textual sources?

Between classes do the following	 ☐ Submit hard copy of WTL 2 in class Wednesday, 24 October PLUS upload to BOLT by 4:30 PM ☐ Read: Coming Attractions assignment (in syllabus)
Wed, 24 Oct	Lecture: Ordinary Germans and Resistance Q & A: Coming Attractions
Between classes do the following	 First: Read and Study: Alone in Berlin (trailers, previews, reviews) in BOLT Second: Compose Prequel Phase of Coming Attractions Third: Submit hard copy of Prequel to Alone in Berlin in class Monday, 29 October PLUS upload to BOLT by 4:30 PM
Mon, 29 Oct	Begin Screening: Alone in Berlin
Between classes do the following	☐ Ponder: Sequel Phase of Coming Attractions for Alone in Berlin
Wed, 31 Oct	Finish Screening: Alone in Berlin
Between classes do the following	 Submit hard copy of Sequel to Alone in Berlin in class Monday, 5 November PLUS upload to BOLT by 4:30 PM Read: Sophie Scholl: The Sources
Mon, 5 Nov	Discussion:1. What are the limits and possibilities of trying to learn what happened to Sophie Scholl from the time she was caught for distributing pamphlets to her murder?2. How would you tell her story if you were a filmmaker?
Between classes do the following	Suggestion: Screen <i>13 Minutes</i> if you would like to watch another movie about resistance. In this case, you witness how an ordinary German slowly reaches a tipping point and works alone to assassinate Hitler.
Wed, 7 Nov	Begin Screening: Sophie Scholl
Between classes do the following	 □ Ponder the Composition of Film Review 2 □ Be composing Film Review 2: Sophie Scholl □ Consult WALES for help □ Consult professor for help
Mon, 12 Nov	Finish Screening: Sophie Scholl
Between classes do the following	☐ Be composing Film Review 2: Sophie Scholl☐ Consult WALES for help☐ Consult professor for help
Wed, 14 Nov	Begin Screening: Operation Valkyrie (2004, dir. Jo Baier)
Between classes do the following	Submit hard copy of Film Review 2 in class Wednesday, 19 November PLUS upload to BOLT by 4:30 PM
Mon, 19 Nov	Finish Screening: Operation Valkyrie (2004, dir. Jo Baier)

Between classes do the following	Screen: Valkyrie (2008, dir. Bryan Singer) on your own time (if you have seen the movie before, watch it again.)Be Composing WTL 3
Wed, 21 Nov	Thanksgiving Break
Between classes do the following	 Screen: Valkyrie (2008, dir. Bryan Singer) on your own time (if you have seen the movie before, watch it again.) Submit hard copy of WTL 3 in class Monday, 26 November PLUS upload to BOLT by 4:30 PM
Mon, 26 Nov	Lecture: Germans as Victims and Collective Guilt
Between classes do the following	☐ Read and Study: Lore (trailers, previews, reviews) in BOLT☐ Be preparing your History Film Rating Guide
Wed, 28 Nov	Begin Screening: Lore
Between classes do the following	Submit hard copy of History Film Rating Guide in class Monday, 3 December PLUS upload to BOLT by 4:30 PM
Mon, 3 Dec	Finish Screening: Lore
Between classes do the following	☐ Be preparing for your final exam.
Wed, 5 Dec	Review for final exam
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Part III: Essay (10 points) What have you learned about how historians "do history" and how filmmakers translate history into film? How will these lessons shape your approach to historical films in the future?	