



Curious about ... History

KS4 RECOMMENDED VIEWING

There are so many fabulous films that we would love our students to watch. Here are some of the History Team's favourites – some are just great films; some show a part of our History that we should know about and understand. Many of our choices are based on real events, people and stories. Please check with your parent(s) or carers that they are happy for you to watch our choices first, to make sure they are suitable for you.

Apollo 13 (1995) – certificate PG. NASA's most successful failure. A gripping space film – a true story starring Tom Hanks and Kevin Bacon.

Schindler's List (1993) – certificate 15. The story of Oskar Schindler and his efforts to save Jewish workers from the Nazis. This film is graphic and violent – but a very important story of the Holocaust based on true events.

12 Years A Slave (2013) – certificate 15. Based on the true story of Solomon Northup – a free man who was captured and sold into slavery.

42 (2023) – certificate 12A. Based on the story of the first professional black American baseball player, Jackie Robinson. Chadwick Boseman stars in this story of racism in the USA and making history in the quest for civil rights.

Hidden Figures (2016) – certificate PG. African American women and their mathematical contributions to the Space Race in 20th century America.

1917 (2019) – certificate 15. A First World War drama directed and produced by Sam Mendes. Bravery, sacrifice and the horror and loss of War.

Oppenheimer (2023) certificate 15. Follows the life of the American physicist who helped to develop the first atomic bomb

Hitler: The Rise of Evil (2003 mini series) certificate 12: a drama and interpretation about the life of Adolf Hitler- available on a number of streaming channels with long clips available on Youtube.

Elizabeth (1998) certificate 15. Biographical film of the Tudor Queen, Elizabeth I, starring Cate Blanchett.

Mary, Queen of Scots (2018) certificate 15: Tells the story of Mary, Queen of Scots including her relationship with Elizabeth I

Darkest Hour (2017) certificate PG: Focuses on Churchill's efforts to unite Parliament and the country behind him following the fall of France in WWII

