

## World Geography Movie List

Dear Parents,

Listed below are films and reviews that I incorporate into the World Geography curriculum. These films are historically based and greatly enhance the classroom experience. Coupled with discussion and written assignments, these films have a powerful impact on student learning and understanding of complex world issues. Please sign and return the permission form on the next page, granting permission for your child to view these films in the classroom.

### Chapter 22: East Africa

- **Black Hawk Down**—Rated R  
I will only be showing the first few frames of this movie in the classroom. These opening scenes provide a backdrop for the political cartoon the students will be analyzing; these scenes give students a reference for famine, drought, life as a refugee, and civil war and do contain some violence. Not viewed 2009-10  
In 1993, an elite group of American Rangers and Delta Force soldiers are sent to Somalia on a critical mission to capture a violent warlord whose corrupt regime has led to the starvation of hundreds of thousands of Somali.
- **Hotel Rwanda**—Rated PG13  
Ten years ago some of the worst atrocities in the history of mankind took place in the country of Rwanda. In an era of high-speed communication and round the news, the events went almost unnoticed by the rest of the world. In only three months, one million people were brutally murdered. In the face of these unspeakable actions, inspired by his love for his family, and ordinary man summons extraordinary courage to save the lives of over a thousand helpless refugees, by granting them shelter in the hotel he manages. Not viewed 2009-10
- **Invisible Children**—Not Rated  
Can a story change the world? In the spring of 2003, three young American traveled to Africa in search of such a story. What they found was a tragedy that disgusted and inspired them. A story where children are the weapons, and children are the victims. Of a 20 year long war in Northern Uganda. These children live in fear of abduction by rebel soldiers, and are being forced to fight as part of a violent army. [www.invisiblechildren.com](http://www.invisiblechildren.com)

### Chapter 25: India

- **Gandhi**—Rated PG  
This film describes the life and times of Mahatma Gandhi, the Indian political leader who managed to free his country from British Imperialism using peaceful means and thus giving hope and inspiration for generations world wide.

### Chapter 27: China

- **The Red Violin**—Rated  
Scene 15-16 are the only scenes viewed from this film. This segment of the movie gives a historical account of life in China during Mao's Cultural Revolution. Not viewed 2009-10

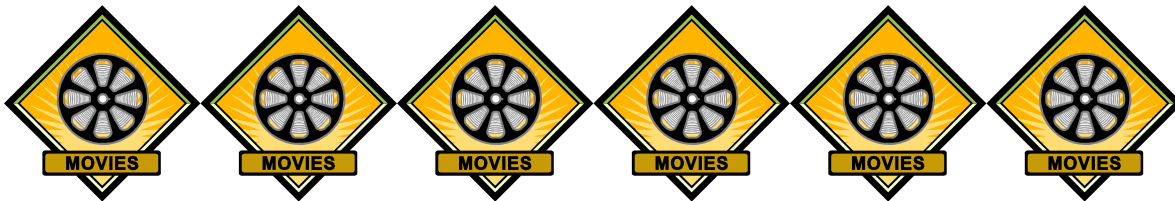
### Chapter 30: Australia and New Zealand

- **Rabbit Proof Fence**—Rated PG  
This is a true story of Molly Craig, a young black Australian girl who leads her younger sister and cousin in an escape from an official government camp, set up as part of an official government policy to train them as domestic workers and integrate them into white society. Molly guides the girls on an epic journey, one step ahead of the authorities, over 1,500 miles of Australia's outback in search of the rabbit-proof fence that bisects the continent and will lead them home. These three girls are part of what is referred to today as the "Stolen Generation."
- **Whale Rider**—PG13  
On the east coast of New Zealand, the Qhangara people believe their presence there dates back a thousand years or more to a single ancestor, Paikea, who escaped death when his canoe capsized by riding to shore on the back of a whale. This is a story of culture that is close to extinction and a young girl who challenges a thousand years of tradition to fulfill her destiny. (if time permits) Not viewed 2009-10

### Chapter 12: Germany

- **The Holocaust**—Documentary not rated  
Veteran journalist Walter Cronkite chronicles the entire story of the Holocaust from the rise of the Nazi party and their plan to exterminate the Jewish people, to tales of incredible bravery among Holocaust survivors and those who liberated the concentration camps. The documentary combines original footage and personal photographs with oral histories by those who survived. In addition, Elie Wiesel, Nobel laureate and Auschwitz survivor, recounts his experiences and the significance of the living memorial, The Holocaust Memorial Museum.
- **I Am David**—Rated PG  
Twelve-year-old David has escaped from a Communist concentration camp with nothing but his tattered clothes and a sealed letter which he must deliver to Copenhagen, Denmark. Thrust into the free world for the first time, David must overcome his mistrust of humanity and survive on his own. This film celebrates the resilience of hope and the indestructible spirit of a child.

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### MOVIE PERMISSION FORM

My child has permission to view the films list in the student packet for Ms. England's World Geography class.

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Student name: \_\_\_\_\_ period: \_\_\_\_\_

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