

# Films

## The History Department recommends ...

Please find below a selection of the Department's favourite History films. They are all general interest so watch as many as you like. The ones in bold are all available on Firefly but the others you will have to find elsewhere (Netflix for example). Some are a bit graphic/violent given so please pay attention to ratings and only watch films that are suitable for you.

It would be great to know what you've watched so please let Mrs Phillips know via email what you've watched and what you thought of them.

Any other recommendations also gratefully received.

Enjoy!

### Based on True Stories

**Frost Nixon** (2008) On the Watergate Scandal

**Milk** (2008) On Gay rights in the USA

**The Longest Day**- 1950s the D-Day Landings

**The Imitation Game**- Based on the code breakers in Bletchley Park

Band of Brothers - series Europe in World War Two

**Flags of our Fathers**- Based on the Pacific War in Europe

**The Great Escape** – WW2

**Platoon**- Vietnam

The Queen – Series on Netflix very good for contemporary British History

War Machine war na- Afghanistan War history

**Zulu**- Based on the defence at Rourke's Drift with the most VCs in history handed out on one day.

The Battle of Britain – WW2

**Hidden Figures** – race relations/women's rights/space race 1960s

First Man – Neil Armstrong/moon landing

Dunkirk – WW2

**Lincoln** – President Lincoln

**Glory** – American Civil War

**Elizabeth** –Elizabeth I

**Downfall** – end WW2

**Schindler's List** - Holocaust

**Tora Tora Tora** – Pearl Harbour

**Letters from Iwo Jima** – WW2 in the Pacific

Siege of Jadotville – Congo crisis 1960s

The Post – Pentagon papers/Nixon/Vietnam

The Darkest Hour – WW2

Churchill

The Gathering Storm – Churchill/WW2

**Amistad** – slave ship rebellion

**The King's Speech** – Abdication crisis/WW2

**The Pianist** - Holocaust

Fiction but with good historical content

**The Hunt for Red October**

**Patriot Games**

**Where Eagles Dare**

**The Spy who came in from the Cold**

**Hornblower** - Napoleonic naval drama series

**Master and Commander Far side of the World** - Napoleonic Naval Drama

**The Bridge on the River Kwai** – Japanese POWs WW2

Some mother's son

**The Wind that Shakes the Barley** - Ireland

**The Guns of Navarone** – WW2

Mister Roberts

**Sophie's Choice**

**Full Metal Jacket** – Vietnam

Hotel Rwanda – Rwandan genocide/UN

**War Horse** – World War One

The Help – race relations USA

**The Kite Runner** – Afghanistan

**Last King of Scotland** – Uganda

**Enemy at the Gates** – Stalingrad

**Saving Private Ryan** – WW2