

## R-Rated Film Approval Form

Teacher(s) seeking approval: James Briski, Josie Helmuth, Dave Keiper, Matt McGovern, Bryan Knoblauch

Date: April 17, 2017

Name of Film: *Elizabeth*

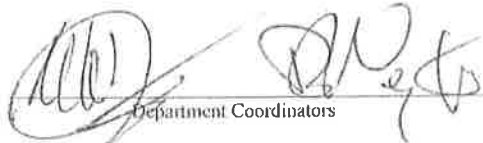
Brief Description: The movie takes place during the mid to late 16<sup>th</sup> Century, marking the beginning of Elizabeth Tudor's (Elizabeth I) reign. The movie embraces the religious tension (Catholic v Protestant) that existed and marked the reigns of the Tudors and future Stuarts. The movie shows the passing of the Act of Uniformity and depicts the first major attempt on her life since she was a Protestant Queen and her evolution into the Queen that history books portray.

Purpose of film and describe how it will be used in class: As stated above the movie is directly linked to the AP European History curriculum in that it clearly addresses the Absolutism Unit and the Tudor family. Although a "Hollywood" film, its historical accuracy does shine through. The costume history and the portrayal of the key events of Elizabeth's early years is accurate for a Hollywood film.

Has the selection of this R-Rated film followed the guideline as defined in Administrative Regulation 109-R-1? Yes

Why the film is rated "R"? How will it be addressed in the classroom? Violence and sexuality; there are moments of violence and sexual content, however limited and poignant to the movie's narrative. There is no overt nudity and the violence is limited to the actual events. These scenes will be discussed before the students watch the movie and the nudity / sexual scene in the hallway will be fast forwarded.

Signatures for approval

1.   
Department Coordinators

*Submit this form to your department coordinator, who will submit it to the District Curriculum Coordinator, who will then forward it to the administrators.*

2.   
District Curriculum Coordinator

Approved by CR-North Administrator Natasha Scott Date 4-17-2017

Approved by CR-South Administrator Scott Layer Date 4-17-2017

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School Year: 2017-2018

Dear Parent,

In order to support and reinforce our curriculum, we will be viewing the film *Elizabeth*, 1998, by Shekhar Kapur in our AP European History class.

I am requesting that you sign this form to give permission for your son/daughter to view this film *Elizabeth*, 1998, by Shekhar Kapur

We are currently studying the emergence of the Tudors in England and the religious wars that developed during and after Protestant Reformation.

The purpose in utilizing this material is to develop critical thinking skills in analyzing an interpretation of the significant historical event for accuracy, interpretation/bias. More importantly, the students will discuss the event's historical importance and apply what they have learned to course content.

You should be aware that *Elizabeth*, 1998, by Shekhar Kapur is rated "R" by the motion picture industry due to violence and sexuality. We will discuss the issues related to the rating in class in order to prepare the students for the images they will see. In addition, the sexual scene in the hallway will be fast forwarded.

Parents are encouraged to view the film prior to being shown in class.

No student will be required to view this film and those electing not to participate will be given an alternate assignment to work on.

Sincerely,

Teacher: Please check and initial your name.			
<input type="checkbox"/> Mr. McGovern _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Mr. Keiper _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Mr. Knoblauch _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Ms. Helmuth _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Mr. Briski _____

**PLEASE DO NOT DETACH**

I hereby give permission for my son/daughter to see the film *Elizabeth* in his/her class.

I do not give permission for my son/daughter to see this film in his/her class.

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*Student Name (printed)*

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*Parent's Signature*