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Tuesday morning

Dear Parent(s) and/or Guardian(s) of _____,

As part of our study of United States History, I may want to utilize portions of the movies "The Patriot", "Amistad", "Glory", "Gettysburg", "Ride with the Devil", and/or "Matewan" in class to accentuate aspects about different time periods in American history. Due to the graphic depiction of some of the subject matter, these films are rated "R" by the Motion Picture Association. I wanted to inform you ahead of time in-order to obtain your permission prior to viewing these films.

I feel that portions of these movies are historically accurate. "The Patriot" portrays events associated with our war for independence. The divisive issue of slavery is revealed in the film "Amistad". The movies "Glory" and "Gettysburg" show what life was like in the volunteer army, whereas "Ride with the Devil" depicts what internecine warfare was like on the border of Kansas and Missouri, during the Civil War. "Matewan" presents a frank portrayal of labour strife in the coal fields of West Virginia.

If for any reason you do not wish your child to participate, please choose the appropriate response on the permission slip below. Your child will be given an alternative assignment if you prefer that they not watch these films. Please complete the bottom portion of this letter and have your child return it to me. There will be no negative consequences for those students who do not watch these movies and, while the material conveys a true sense of the period, the material in it will not be on the chapter test.

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact me. I can be reached most weekdays between 7:00 a.m. and 12:35 p.m. at 656-7100, extension #20797, and during the evenings and on weekends at 692-4456 (home) or 830-1862 (cell). You can also e-mail me at jparkin@ecusd7.org if that would be more convenient.

Yours Truly,

Jon Parkin

Name of Student _____

_____ Yes, I permit my son or daughter to view scenes from "The Patriot", "Amistad", "Glory", "Gettysburg", "Ride with the Devil", and/or "Matewan" in class.

_____ No, I would prefer my son or daughter not watch scenes from "The Patriot", "Amistad", "Glory", "Gettysburg", "Ride with the Devil", and/or "Matewan" in class, and that they be given an alternative assignment.

Parent Signature _____ Date _____