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Tuesday morning

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

As part of our study of Modern World History, I may want to utilize portions of movies such as "Elizabeth," "Cromwell," "Saving Private Ryan," "The Battle of Algiers," and "Hotel Rwanda" to accentuate aspects about the time period. Due to the graphic depiction of some of the subject matter, these films are rated "R" or "PG" by the Motion Picture Association. I wanted to inform you ahead of time and obtain your permission before allowing your child to view these films.

I feel that portions of these movies are historically accurate. In the case of "Elizabeth," the conflict between the monarchy and nobility over the form the English government would take, as well as the conflict between Roman Catholicism and an emergent Protestantism, is depicted. The film "Cromwell" has resonance because it chronicles the struggle between monarch and Parliament over which institution should ultimately govern England. "Saving Private Ryan" shows the ultimate sacrifice a republic may be called-upon to make, in-an-effort to combat tyranny. The Italian-made film "The Battle of Algiers" is a gritty portrayal of French efforts to suppress nascent Arab nationalism and independence in the 1950s. And "Hotel Rwanda" reveals how close beneath the surface our barbarity lurks when stable government collapses.

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 this movie. 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 the movie 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 7:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. at 656-8800, extension #5813, and during the evenings and on weekends at 692-4456. 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 movies such as "Elizabeth," "Cromwell," "Saving Private Ryan," "The Battle of Algiers," and "Hotel Rwanda" in class.

_____ No, I would prefer my son or daughter not watch scenes from "Elizabeth," "Cromwell," "Saving Private Ryan," "The Battle of Algiers," and "Hotel Rwanda" in class.

Parent Signature _____ Date _____