



## Hifalutin Homeschooler's Guide to Enhancing High School with MOVIES!

### Life Lessons and Soul Boosting Moments

Forrest Gump [PG-13]	Pursuit of Happiness [PG-13]	Finding Forrester [PG-13]
Secondhand Lions [PG]	What's Eating Gilbert Grape [PG-13]	A River Runs Through It [PG]
The Help [PG-13]	Stand By Me [PG-13]	The Four Feathers [PG-13]
It's a Wonderful Life [PG]	The Truman Show [PG]	Where the Heart Is [PG-13]
Driving Miss Daisy [PG]	October Sky [PG]	Freedom Writers [PG-13]
For the Boys [R]	Rain Man [R]	A Walk in the Clouds [PG-13]
The Secret Life of Bees [PG-13]	Fried Green Tomatoes [PG-13]	Mr. Smith Goes to Washington [NR]
The Sandlot [PG]		

### Literature Worth Watching

To Kill a Mockingbird [NR]	In Love and War [PG-13]	Oh Brother, Where Art Thou? (The Odyssey) [PG-13]
Last of the Mohicans [R]	Hobbit [PG-13; R]	Romeo and Juliet [1990; NC-17]
Pride and Prejudice [PG]	The Lord of the Rings Trilogy [PG-13]	Scarlett Pimpernel [NR]
The Color Purple [PG-13]	A Tale of Two Cities [NR]	Journey to the Center of the Earth [1959-G]
Of Mice and Men PG-13]	Emma [PG]	Time Machine [1960-G]
A Christmas Carol [PG]	Great Expectations [1997-R; 2013-PG-13]	Much Ado About Nothing [PG-13]
The Great Gatsby [PG-13]	Swiss Family Robinson [G]	Anne of Green Gables [PG]
Jane Eyre [2010-PG-13]	10 Things I Hate About You (The Taming of the Shrew) [PG-13]	Grapes of Wrath [NR]
20,000 Leagues Under the Sea [G]	"O" (Othello) [R]	Old Yeller [G]
War and Peace	In the Heart of the Sea (Moby Dick) [PG-13]	Where the Red Fern Grows [G]
The Man in the Iron Mask [PG-13]		



### **Extraordinary True Lives**

The Diary of Anne Frank [1959 NR]	The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind [PG]	Erin Brockovich [R]
Patch Adams [PG-13]	The Iron Lady [PG-13]	Lorenzo's Oil [PG-13]
Braveheart [R]	The Green Book [PG-13]	Hacksaw Ridge [R]
Catch Me If You Can [2002; PG-13]	Joan of Arc [R]	Unbroken [PG-13]
The Theory of Everything [PG-13]	The Right Stuff [PG]	Cinderella Man [PG-13]
Hidden Figures [PG]	Rudy [PG]	Good Morning Vietnam [R]
A Beautiful Mind [PG-13]	Gorilla's in the Mist [PG-13]	A Woman Called Moses [TV series-PG]
Marie Antoinette [PG-13]	Radio [PG]	Sergeant York [NR]
John Adams (mini-series) [TV-14]	Awakenings [PG-13]	Davy Crockett [G]
	The Last Emperor [PG-13]	The Man Who Invented Christmas [PG]
	Twelve Years a Slave [R]	

### **Time Period Pieces/Epic Stories**

Gladiator [R]	Memoirs of a Geisha [PG-13]	Anna and the King [PG-13]
Troy [R]	Courage Mountain [PG]	Robin Hood; Prince of Thieves [1991; PG-13]
Clash of the Titans [1981; PG]	The Last Samurai [R]	12 Angry Men [1957; NR]
The Ten Commandments [G]	The King's Speech [PG-13]	The Godfather Trilogy [R]
Ben Hur [G]	To Live [NR]	The Education of Little Tree [PG]
Lawrence of Arabia [1962; NR]	The Lost City [R]	300 [R]
Hotel Rwanda [PG-13]	Restoration [R]	Master and Commander [PG-13]
Titanic [PG-13]	Les Misérables (non-musical) [1998; PG-13]	



### **American History (or related)**

Dances with Wolves [PG-13]

The Patriot [R]

Apollo 13 [PG]

National Treasure [PG]

Far & Away [PG-13]

Roots [R]

Gangs of New York [R]

The Alamo [PG-13]

Gone with the Wind [G]

Lincoln [PG-13]

Selma [PG-13]

13 Days [PG-13]

Free State of Jones [R]

Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee [TV-14]

Thank You for Smoking [R]

Amistad [R]

Ghosts of Mississippi [PG-13]

Glory [R]

JFK [R]

### **Mostly Military**

The Bridge Over the River  
Kwai [1957; PG]

Saving Private Ryan [R]

Dunkirk [PG-13]

Fury [R]

Pearl Harbor [PG-13]

Black Hawk Down [R]

Red Tails [PG-13]

We Were Soldiers [R]

Flags of Our Fathers [R]

Flyboys [PG-13]

Gettysburg [PG]

The Hunt for Red October  
[PG]

Band of Brothers  
(mini-series) [TV-MA]

To Hell and Back [PG-13]

Men of Honor [R]

Top Gun [PG]

The Pacific (mini-series)  
[TV-MA]

Memphis Belle [PG-13]

Stripes [R]

Platoon [R]

13 Hours R]

The Thin Red Line [R]

Gods and Generals [PG-13]

The Great Escape

The Guns of Navarone  
[1961-PG]

The Longest Day [G]



## **WWII/Holocaust (more than military)**

Empire of the Sun [R]	Shining Through
Schindler's List [R]	Life is Beautiful
The Book Thief [PG-13]	The Hiding Place
Darkest Hour	Woman in Gold
The Pianist	Monuments Men
The Boy in the Striped Pajamas	Swing Kids

## **Higher Education**

Dead Poets Society [PG]  
Good Will Hunting [R]  
School Ties [PG-13]  
Mona Lisa Smile [PG-13]  
Goodbye, Mr. Chips [G]  
Legally Blonde [PG-13]  
Real Genius [PG]  
Wonder Boys [R]

## **For the Love of Music**

Music of the Heart [PG]	Coal Miner's Daughter [PG]	School of Rock [PG]
Legend of 1900 [R]	Dream Girls [PG-13]	La Bamba [PG-13]
Amadeus [PG]	The Sound of Music [PG]	The Buddy Holly Story [PG]
Mr. Holland's Opus [PG]	The Greatest Showman [PG]	Pitch Perfect I, II, III [PG-13]
August Rush [PG]	My Fair Lady [G]	Selena [PG]
Walk the Line [PG-13]	The King and I [G]	Jersey Boys [R]
Amazing Grace [G]	Oliver! [G]	Yesterday [2019; PG-13]
Ray [PG-13]	8 Mile [R]	That Thing You Do [PG]
	Great Balls of Fire [PG-13]	



## **Dystopian/Apocalyptic**

The Giver [PG-13]	1984 [R]	Minority Report [PG-13]
Gattaca [PG-13]	Soylent Green [PG]	In Time [PG-13]
The Hunger Games Trilogy [PG-13]	Waterworld [PG-13]	Planet of the Apes [PG-13]
The Matrix [R]	Ready Player One [PG-13]	Independence Day [PG-13]
Armageddon [PG-13]	Enders Game [PG-13]	iRobot [PG-13]
Outbreak [R]	Dr. Strangelove [PG]	Terminator Trilogy [R]
Animal Farm [G]	The Manchurian Candidate [R]	Lord of the Flies [R]

## **Sports Fans**

Invictus [PG-13]	A League of Their Own [PG]	Cool Runnings [PG]
Secretariat [PG]	Hoosiers [PG]	Eddie the Eagle [PG-13]
We are Marshall [PG]	The Endless Summer [NR]	Brian's Song [G]
Miracle [PG]	Rocky [PG]	Seabiscuit [PG-13]
Chariots of Fire [PG]	Karate Kid [PG]	The Blind Side [PG-13]

## **Survival Skills**

The Edge [R]	127 Hours [R]	The Poseidon Adventure [PG]
Gravity [PG-13]	Everest [PG-13]	Open Water [R]
Cast Away [PG-13]	The Life of Pi [PG]	The Revenant [R]
Red Dawn [PG-13]	Alive [R]	The Martian [PG-13]
The Terminal [PG-13]	Rescue Dawn [PG-13]	The Perfect Storm [PG-13]

## **Wild Westerns**

The Good, The Bad, and The Ugly [R]	How the West was Won [G]	Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid [PG]
True Grit [1969: G; 2010: PG-13]	Once Upon a Time in the West [PG-13]	The Man Who Shot Liberty Valance [NR]
Lonesome Dove (miniseries) [TV-14]	The Three Amigos [PG]	The Searchers [NR]
Red River [NR]	The Magnificent Seven [1960: NR]	The Unforgiven [R]



### **Keeping the Faith**

I Can Only Imagine [PG]

God's Not Dead [PG]

Heaven is For Real [PG]

Woodlawn [PG]

Courageous [PG]

Monumental [PG]

The Nativity [PG]

The Passion of the Christ [R]

The Chronicles of Narnia [PG]

Breakthrough [PG]

Miracles from Heaven [PG]

### **Difficult to Watch, But Moving**

Crash [R]

American History X [R]

Sling Blade [R]

The Green Mile [R]

Radio Flyer [PG-13]

Shawshank Redemption [R]

Not Without My Daughter [PG-13]

The Machinist [R]

Sybil [TV-MA]

A Time to Kill [R]

The Road to Perdition [R]

Mississippi Burning [R]

### **Classic Horror/Thrillers**

Rear Window [PG]

Murder on the Orient Express [PG-13]

Psycho [R]

The Birds [PG-13]

And Then There Were None (2015 miniseries)  
[TV-14]

The Bad Seed [NR]

Hush Hush Sweet Charlotte [NR]

What Ever Happened to Baby Jane? [NR]

Nosferatu [1922-NR]

Rosemary's Baby [1968-R]

House on Haunted Hill [1959-NR]

Dracula [1931-NR]

Frankenstein [1931-NR]

The Twilight Zone [1959; TV-PG]



## **Documentaries Mentioned [mostly PG or TV-14]**

In the Shadow of the Moon

They Shall Not Grow Old

Inside North Korea

Into the West

America Before Columbus

The Men Who Built America

Fed Up

Weird Wonders of the World

Power of Art by Simon Schama

## **Memorable for Teens**

Breakfast Club [R]

Back to the Future I, II, III  
[PG]

Can't Hardly Wait [PG-13]

Bill and Ted's Excellent  
Adventure [PG]

Can't Buy Me Love [PG-13]

Expelled [PG-13]

Napoleon Dynamite [PG]

Project X [PG]

Easy A [PG-13]

Grease [PG]

The Outsiders [PG-13]

Bring It On [PG-13]

License to Drive [PG-13]

Summer School [PG-13]

She's All That [PG-13]

Ferris Bueller's Day Off  
[PG-13]

Footloose [G-13]

Never Been Kissed [PG-13]

Pretty in Pink [PG-13]

Mean Girls [PG-13]

A Knight's Tale [PG-13]

16 Candles [PG]

Princess Bride [PG]

Clueless [PG-13]

Spaceballs [PG-13]

Fast Times at Ridgemont  
High [R]

Weird Science [PG-13]

The Goonies [PG]





Movies mentioned in this document were suggested either by me or Facebook followers of Hifalutin Homeschooler. I have not personally watched all these films and will not vouch for any of their content or educational worth.

Please watch any and all movies mentioned at your own discretion. Film ratings vary depending on their release date and changes in rating requirements. If you are unsure, please look up parental reviews and do your own research.

Thanks!

Jennifer

@HifalutinHomeschooler.com