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Dear Parent/Guardian,

During this school year we will be learning about the birth of our nation. Throughout the year we will be reading and memorizing government papers such as the Declaration of Independence, Constitution, Gettysburg, read primary documents, and watch videos and movies. All movies and videos shown are appropriate and pertinent with historical relevance for the years students will be taught. All movies are rated G, PG, or PG-13/Not Rated. (NR movies are TV edited versions) Movies rated PG-13/NR suggest "Parental Discretion" and thus parent/guardian permission is required. The following PG-13/NR rated movies may be seen in parts or in it's entirety. They may be rented at a local video store. Therefore please feel free to view them before signing this form.

The Patriot (Not Rated Version "edited for content") This movie is about the colonies decision to declare it's independence from England and how it affects a family by the war.

The New World (PG-13) This is a more accurate account of the first settlement in America at Jamestown. It portrays a more realistic view of the Native Americans first encounter with Europeans.

The Crossing (PG-13) This TNT movie portrays Gen. Washington's decision to cross the Delaware River on Christmas Eve and attack the Hessian Army.

The Rainmaker (PG-13) This movie is based on the book by John Grisham which portrays the story of a rookie lawyer that heads a high-profile case against an insurance company.

The Alamo (PG-13) This movie is about the settlers of Texas and the attack by the Mexican Army which led to the Mexican American War.

Dances with Wolves (PG-13) Native Americans face removal from their land while learning to communicate with an American soldier.

Glory (Not Rated Version/ Educational version) The first all African American Regiment formed during the Civil War.

Uncle Tom's Cabin (Not Rated) A movie based on a novel by Harriet Beecher Stowe which portrays the life of an enslaved man.

Brother Future (Not Rated) A young African American boy wakes up in 1800s America and is assumed to be a runaway slave. He learns about slavery first hand and helps in the underground railroad.

Please sign and return the form below.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at (510) 656-4000 ext. 48033

Sincerely,

Mrs. Arca

Yes, my child _____ has permission to see all the above movies.

Yes, my child _____ has permission to only see PG or G movies and will receive an alternate assignment for the above movies.

Parent Signature