

**American History and Culture through Film**  
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Students will have to view the film assigned for each week and do homework based on it BEFORE they come to class (except for the first class). See the list of films below. All films are available for rent through Amazon.com, Netflix and the Seattle Public Library (more details will be provided in class).

**Week 1**

Forest Gump (Robert Zemeckis) Topic: American history, culture through one person's story

**Please note: You will be viewing and discussing this film in the first class**

**Week 2**

The Queen of Versailles. (Documentary) Topic: Money, 2008 economic crisis, wealth

**Week 3**

Blue Jasmine (Woody Allen) Topic: Love, New York, class

**Week 4**

The Wolfpack (Documentary) Topic: Parenting and child-rearing extremes

**Week 5**

Burn After Reading (Koen brothers) Topic: Black humor

**Week 6**

Blackfish (Documentary) Topic: Entertainment industry