

**Formular:
Kurzbeschreibung W-Seminar**

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Max-Born-Gymnasium

Lehrkraft: Angelika Sahner

Leitfach: Englisch

Rahmenthema: The Land of the Free and the Home of the Brave?
US History in film

Zielsetzung des Seminars:

By looking at films about periods, persons, or events in the US we will explore various parts of American history. First, we will analyze one film together. In your seminar paper you will then look at the way the historical and social background is presented in the film you chose and examine its plot, structure, major conflict, main characters, imagery and cinematic effects.

Mögliche Themen für die Seminararbeiten: Suitable films for analysis:

1. *The Witch* (2015) 17th century colonization
2. *12 years a slave* (2013) Slavery
3. *Lincoln* (2012) Attempts to abolish slavery
4. *Cold Mountain* (2002) American Civil War
5. *Harriet* (2019) The Underground Railroad
6. *Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee* (2007) Native Americans
7. *The Imitation Game* (2014) Cryptography in World War II
8. *M*A*S*H* (1970) Korean War
9. *Bridge of Spies* (2015) Cold War
10. *First man* (2018) Neil Armstrong
11. *Selma* (2014) - Voting rights marches 1965
12. *Malcolm X* (1992) Civil rights leader Malcolm X
13. *Good Morning Vietnam* (1987) Vietnam War
14. *The Post* (2017) The Pentagon Papers
15. *Green Book* (2018) African-American pianist in the 60s
16. *JFK* (1981) Assassination of JFK
17. *All the President's Men* (1976) - Watergate Scandal
18. *Hidden Figures* (2016) African American Women employed by NASA
19. *United 93* (2006) 9/11
20. *The Social Network* (2010) Mark Zuckerberg
21. *The Big Short* (2015) Financial crisis of 2007/8

Vorgeschlagene Leistungserhebungen in

Q11,1: presentation of historical background and major conflict; systematic literature review and evaluation of research sources (= research report)

Q11,2: presentation of thesis statement and scene analysis; test: correct citation

Weitere Bemerkungen:

The course will be taught in English and the seminar paper must be written in English, too. Participants are expected to buy the DVD of the film they decide to analyze.