

Recommendation of The EDUHSD
R-Rated Film Advisory Committee

Title of Film: **13th Warrior**

Reason for R-Rating

Language Violence X Sexuality

1. Committee Recommendation to the Board of Trustees:

 X Adoption of Specific **CLIPS** as a Supplemental Instructional Material

 No Recommendation for Adoption as a Supplemental Instructional Material

Date of Committee Recommendation: January 26, 2005

2. Appropriate Uses of Film/Suggested Curricular Goals/Standards:

This film was adapted from Michael Crichton's 1976 novel Eaters of the Dead, which was inspired by Ahmed Ibn Fahdlan's historical accounts of his adventures in Central Asia during the 10th century. Ahmed, a Muslim ambassador from Baghdad, encounters a band of Norse warriors, who describe a demon army that has been terrorizing their homeland in nighttime raids. Ahmed is reluctantly drafted into this elite killing squad that skirmishes with the enemy, an equestrian tribe who rides into battle dressed as bears, and may or may not have supernatural powers. The film contains graphic violence in gruesome battle scenes. As a result of this analysis of synchronic cultures, students will write an essay which compares and contrasts the Abbasaid culture with the Viking culture. In a follow-up activity, students will examine the decline of the Abbasaid Empire and the Viking Influence.

Advanced Placement World History Content Standards: Impact of nomadic migrations on Afro-Eurasia; Compare European and sub Saharan African contacts with the Islamic world; Emergence of new empires and political systems; Viking exploration, expansion and their impact.

3. Areas of Concern/Conditions Established by Committee for

Recommendation: *The committee recommends the approval of **ONLY a 23 minute CLIP (Chapters 1-4)** at the beginning of the film which shows the meeting of the Abbasaid ambassador with the Vikings. The clip continues until the campfire scene when the groups arrive at the Northern Kingdom. The remainder of the film is dark and obtuse, containing graphic violence that is not congruent with the objectives of the course.*

4. Appropriate Grade Levels for Film: *10th grade*

5. Appropriate Courses for the Use of the Film: *Advanced Placement World History*

6. Superintendent's Recommendation: ✓ Approve Not Approve

Use of this film must comply with Board Policy 6161.11. Parental permission MUST be received prior to showing the film to students.