

Recommendation of The EDUHSD
R-Rated Film Advisory Committee

Title of Film: ***A Dry White Season***

Reason for R-Rating

Language X Violence X Sexuality ___

1. Committee Recommendation to the Board of Trustees:

- X Adoption as a Supplemental Instructional Material
___ No Recommendation for Adoption as a Supplemental Instructional Material

Date of Committee Recommendation: February 3, 2004

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

This film depicts the realities of apartheid, racial tensions, and governmental control in South Africa. The film shows that sometimes, no matter what the cost and no matter how futile it may seem, one must take action to oppose injustice. Students are asked to explore the personal cost of resisting injustice that is accepted by one's community. Students will discuss the events in the film and will relate them to the themes from the novel The Power of One.

11th and 12th English/Language Arts Standards: *Literary Response and Analysis* 3.2, 3.8, 3.9, and *Writing Strategies* 1.6 Research and Technology

3. Areas of Concern/Conditions Established by Committee for Recommendation:

"A Dry White Season" shows brief views of a victim of torture, bloodied and disfigured, children being indiscriminately shot to death and beaten by police, a boy's caned buttocks, and scars from beatings on a man's back. Such footage is consistent with actions that occurred time and again from the 1960s to the early 1990s during South Africa's effort to support the apartheid system against black resistance. They merit being shown. In this film, the violence and gore is not shown for the sake of thrilling the audience.

4. Appropriate Grade Levels for Film: *Grade 12*

5. Appropriate Courses for the Use of the Film: *Contemporary Literature*

6. Minority Opinion/Recommendation: *None*

7. Superintendent's Recommendation: X 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.