

Recommendation of The EDUHSD
R-Rated Film Advisory Committee

Title of Film: Aliens 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: September 29, 2004

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

This film will be used to compare how science fiction authors utilize archetypes drawn from myth and tradition in both science fiction literature and films. In Aliens, the last surviving crew-member of a corporate spaceship destroyed after an attack by a vicious, virtually unbeatable, alien life form, is adrift in space for half a century. Ripley, the protagonist, grapples with depression until she's informed by her company's representative that the planet where her crew discovered the alien has since been settled by colonists. Contact with the colony has suddenly been lost, and a detachment of Colonial Marines is being sent to investigate. Invited along as an advisor, Ripley predicts disaster, and sure enough, the aliens have infested the colony, leaving a sole survivor, a young girl named Newt. With the soldiers picked off one by one, a final all-female showdown brews between the alien queen and Ripley, who has become a surrogate mother to Newt. Students will evaluate the film as a literary genre. Follow-up written assignments challenge students to recognize and critique archetypes from science fiction literature.

12th Grade English-Language Arts Standards- 3.0 Literary Response and Analysis; 3.5 Analyze the way in which authors have used archetypes drawn from myth and tradition.

3. Areas of Concern/Conditions Established by Committee for Recommendation: *The film contains graphic language and intense, gruesome violence which may be disturbing to some viewers.*
4. Appropriate Grade Levels for Film:
 All Grades 9-12 X Grades 11-12 Other
5. Appropriate Courses for the Use of the Film: *English 4, Science Fiction*
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.