

Recommendation of The EDUHSD
R-Rated Film Advisory Committee

Title of Film Amistad

Reason for R-Rating

Language Violence Sexuality/Nudity

1. Committee Recommendation to the Board of Trustees:

Adoption as a Supplemental Instructional Material

No Recommendation for Adoption as a Supplemental Instructional Material

Date of Committee Recommendation: September 29, 2003

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

The instructional objectives to be achieved by showing this film are to see the capture of potential slaves and the inhumane treatment of the passage. This unit is tied in to the literary study of Huckleberry Finn and an excerpt of the book Beloved. Students are led to see how a former slave's view of the world might be different from that of Huckleberry Finn. The strong images of the reality of slavery is a poignant visual image for the students.

English/Language Arts Standards: Literary Responses and Analysis 3.5c: Evaluate the philosophical, political, religious, ethical, and social influences of the historical period that shaped the characters, plot, and setting. 3.5b: Contrast the major periods, themes, styles, and trends and describe how works by members of different cultures relate to one another in each period.

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

The Committee felt students should be warned about the non-sexual nudity scenes, the disturbing topic, and violence in the film.

4. Appropriate Grade Levels for Film:

All Grades 9-12 Grades 11-12 Other _____

5. Appropriate Courses for the Use of the Film:

English III and U.S. History (Grades 11-12)

6. Minority Opinion/Recommendation: *None*

7. Superintendent's Recommendation: Approve Not Approve