

Recommendation of The EDUHSD
R-Rated Film Advisory Committee

Title of Film: *Les Miserables*

Reason for R-Rating

Language X Violence X Sexuality X

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:

Director Claude Lelouch juxtaposes the original story of Les Miserables with period scenes of the 1900 to 1945 time period, culminating with the aftermath of the invasion of Normandy. The main character, Henri Fortin, is constantly faced with parallels between his story and that of Les Miserables. The film portrays the horror of war, bigotry and human misery caused by global conflict. Despite this incredible desperation, the film finds courage, while examining the most despicable of human behaviors, to find hope, kindness and selflessness. This film celebrates the best of human perseverance, dignity and compassion. After viewing the segments of the film, students will summarize the plot aloud in French, will review vocabulary, and will write their own reflections of the film in the target language.

National Modern Language Standards: 1.a Communicate in a language other than English. Interpretive: listening, reading; Interpersonal: speaking and writing; Cultures: gain knowledge and understanding of other cultures, practices, perspectives and products; Connections: with other disciplines; Cultural Comparisons.

3. Areas of Concern/Conditions Established by Committee for

Recommendation: There is a very brief sexual act and reference to prostitution. In both situations, the scenes are presented tastefully and are certainly not prurient. However, some students may find this scenes distressing.

4. Appropriate Grade Levels for Film:

 All Grades 9-12 X Grades 11-12 Other _____

5. Appropriate Courses for the Use of the Film: *French 4/A.P. French*

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.