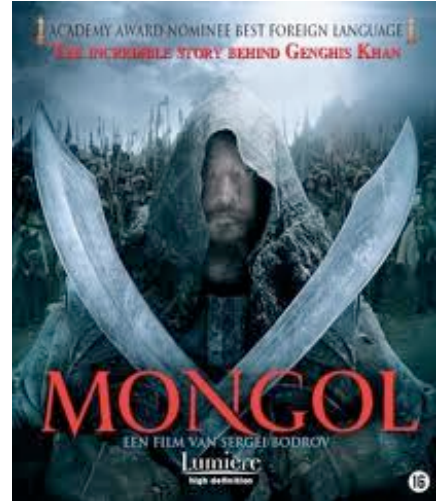


TO: Parents of Students in Dr. Neufeld's History Class
FROM: Dr. Neufeld
RE: "Mongol"
DATE: February 20, 2024

In this history class, we are finishing our unit on the history of Asia, more specifically that of China, Japan, VietNam, Korea and Mongolia. With your permission, I would like to show a film about Genghis Khan, the man who lead a group of fighting clans to join together and form the Mongol Empire. They would become the largest empire in world history in the shortest amount of time!

This film, made in 2007 by a Russian director, is about the plight this young boy faced until he joined the clans together. The story recounts the early life of Genghis Khan who was a slave before going on to conquer half the world in 1206. Released in the U.S. in 2008, this film has been rated PG-13 for its scenes of violence during their fights in war. I have edited the more graphic parts of the fighting as well as two other scenes of a physical nature that are not important to the story. I have placed the preview for this film on my web site. To see it, go to "DrNeufeld.com" and click "C7-C8 Asia", then "Mongol".



On the back of this paper is more information on the film. I also listed two web sites you could use to learn more about the film. If you would like more information, or if you would like to see the film yourself, you can e-mail me at doug_neufeld@lawndalesd.net.

Thank You!

Please return this form by FRIDAY, MARCH 1, 2024!

Name of Student _____

Period _____

Yes, my child can watch the 2007 film "Mongol".

No, I prefer that my child not watch the film and complete another project instead.

Parent Signature

Two reviews of "Mongol":

From IMDB web site:

You know how they say history was written by the victors? That's true for everyone but the Mongols. Most of their history was written by the Chinese, Russians, Arabs, and other conquered peoples who had an interest in perpetuating Genghis Khan = bloodthirsty savage.

The movie is based on one of the few sources about Genghis Khan written in Mongolian. It's called the secret history of the Mongols and was written shortly after he died as a record for the Mongolian royal family. He was just a chieftain's son of a very minor tribe. That's what makes

this story so impressive, he didn't start out as a king or a prince with a huge army, like Alexander. Everything he had, he had to earn. He didn't get to be Genghis Khan until he was in his 30's. He was always aware of how victory wasn't assured but had to be paid for with planning and strategy. He wasn't a saint by any means but he wasn't an unthinking savage. This

movie is actually meant to be the first in a trilogy with the second one probably detailing his conquest of north China and the third the conquest of the Khwarezid empire in Iran and Afghanistan.

This is an approach that I like because the Alexander movie died on account of it trying to condense all of his conquests into one movie.

From IMDB web site:

While the plot contained some dubious twists and had rather strange and slow pacing, the overall effect of this movie is stellar. The cinematography rivals, while being similar to, movies such as "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon". The score was amazing. The acting was, to my English speaking eyes and ears, convincing. The few combat scenes were filmed and choreographed to great effect. I am not sure how historically accurate this movie is, but it works

as an enchanting piece of cinema. Highly recommended to anyone who likes art films and historical epics. Seriously, the locations make me want to take a vacation to the steppes immediately.

For more information about this film, check out these two web sites:

<http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0416044/>

<http://www.mongolmovie.com/>

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mongols>

