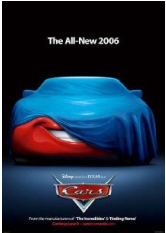


Mentoring Resources: Movies

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Animated/Family



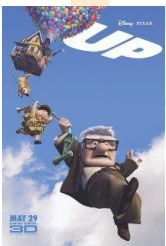
Cars

While traveling to California for the final race of the Piston Cup dispute between The King and Chick Hicks, the famous Lightning McQueen accidentally damages the road of a small town called Radiator Springs. McQueen is sentenced to repair the damaged road and in the midst finds friendship and love in the simple locals. Lightning McQueen changes his values during his stay and becomes a true winner.



Kung Fu Panda

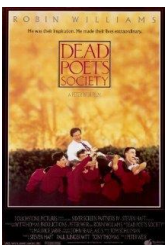
It's the story about a lazy, irreverent, slacker panda, named Po, who is the biggest fan of Kung Fu around...which doesn't exactly come in handy while working every day in his family's noodle shop. Unexpectedly chosen to fulfill an ancient prophecy, Po's dreams become reality when he joins the world of Kung Fu and studies alongside his idols, the legendary Furious Five.



Up

Carl remembers the promise he made to his late wife Ellie about going to a lost land in South America. Forced to go to a retirement home after inadvertently hitting a construction worker, he and his house fly away before they can take him. However, Carl has a stowaway aboard: an 8-year-old boy named Russell, who's trying to get an "Assisting the Elderly" badge. Together, the two embark on an adventure where they encounter talking dogs, an evil villain, and a rare bird named, Kevin.

Drama



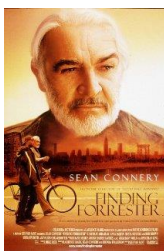
Dead Poet's Society

Painfully shy Todd Anderson has been sent to the school where his popular older brother was valedictorian. His roommate, Neil, although exceedingly bright and popular, is very much under the thumb of his overbearing father. The two, along with their other friends, meet Professor Keating, a new English teacher who encourages them to go against the status quo. Each does this in their own way and is changed for the better.



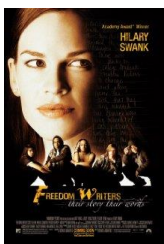
Dolphin Tale

A lonely and friendless boy finds and untangles a hurt dolphin that is caught in a crab trap. He becomes very attached to the dolphin when the tail must be taken off to save the dolphin's life. The boy believes the dolphin would be able to swim normally if it was given a prosthetic tail. He then sets off to find a way to make it happen.



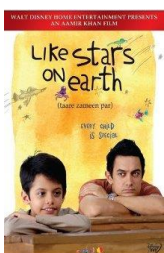
Finding Forrester

Because of scoring exceptionally high on a statewide standardized exam and being an exceptionally good basketball player, Jamal Wallace is sent to a prestigious prep school in Manhattan. He soon befriends the reclusive writer, William Forrester. The friendship leads William to overcome his reclusiveness, while Jamal overcomes racial prejudices and pursues his true dream of writing.



Freedom Writers

Idealistic Erin Gruwell is just starting her first teaching job as an English teacher at Woodrow Wilson High School. For many of the existing teachers, the voluntary integration program implemented two years earlier has ruined the school. The students are unmotivated, participate in gangs, and struggle with life at home. It isn't until Erin provides an assignment of writing a daily journal that the students begin to open up to her, creating an opportunity for them to learn, grow, and graduate as successful students.



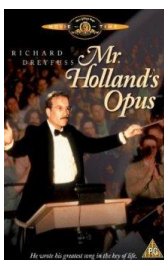
Like Stars on Earth

Ishaan Awasthi is an eight-year-old whose world is filled with wonders that no one else seems to appreciate. When he gets into far more trouble than his parents can handle, he is packed off to a boarding school to 'be disciplined'. One day, a new art teacher bursts onto the scene, Ram Shankar Nikumbh. He infects the students with joy and optimism. Nikumbh soon realizes that Ishaan is very unhappy, and he sets out to discover why. With time, patience, and care, he helps Ishaan find himself.



Mona Lisa Smile

Katherine Ann Watson has accepted a position teaching art history at the prestigious Wellesley College. Watson is a very modern woman, particularly for the 1950s, and has a passion not only for art, but for her students. For the most part, the students all seem to be biding their time, waiting to find the right man to marry. The students are all very bright and Watson feels they are not reaching their potential. Professor Watson challenges the women in her classes to question their traditional social roles and to be more.



Mr. Holland's Opus

Glenn Holland is a musician and composer who takes a teaching job to pay the rent while in his 'spare time' he can strive to achieve his true goal—compose one memorable piece of music to leave his mark on the world. As Holland discovers 'Life is what happens to you while you're busy making other plans', and as the years unfold, the joy of sharing his contagious passion for music with his students becomes his new definition of success.



Soul Surfer

13 year-old Bethany Hamilton is a champion surfer who was born to be in the water, but after a fun night out and what should be a fun day in the water surfing, she is attacked by a shark and loses her arm. Rushed to the hospital, she remains calm, and maintains her faith in God. Now she has to re-learn how to do everything with only one arm – including how to surf. It will take her friends, family, and her faith to get her back in the water.



Stand and Deliver

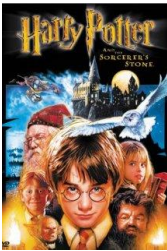
Jaime Escalante is a mathematics teacher at a Hispanic neighborhood school. Convinced that his students have potential, he adopts unconventional teaching methods to help gang members and no-hopers pass the rigorous Advanced Placement exam in calculus.



With Honors

Monty is a student, and when his computer crashes, he's left with only a single paper copy of his thesis. Frightened of losing it, he immediately rushes out to photocopy it only to stumble and drop it down a grate. Searching the basement of the building, he discovers that it has been found by Simon, a squatter. Simon makes a deal with Monty: for every day's accommodation and food that Monty gives him, he will give a page of his thesis in return.

Fantasy



Harry Potter and Sorcerer's Stone (Movie 1)

Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone is the first film in the Harry Potter series based on the novels by J.K. Rowling. It is the tale of Harry Potter, an ordinary 11-year-old boy who learns that he is actually a wizard and has been invited to attend Hogwarts School for Witchcraft and Wizardry. Harry is snatched away from his mundane existence by Hagrid, the groundskeeper for Hogwarts, and is quickly thrown into a world that is completely foreign to him.



Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets (Movie 2)

Forced to spend his summer holidays with his muggle relatives, Harry Potter gets a real shock when he gets a surprise visitor: Dobby the house-elf, who warns Harry Potter against returning to Hogwarts because terrible things are going to happen. Harry decides to ignore Dobby's warning. Upon his return to Hogwarts, Harry is suddenly hearing mysterious voices from inside the walls, muggle-born students are being attacked, and a message scrawled on the wall in blood puts everyone on guard.



Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban (Movie 3)

Approaching his third year at Hogwarts, Harry Potter has had enough of his muggle relatives. He runs away from them and enters his third term facing trouble from more than one side: using magic outside of the school and news that notorious criminal, serial killer Sirius Black, has escaped the wizard's prison, Azkaban and is apparently headed for Harry. The school calls in supernatural help against Black in the form of Dementors, but unusual things continue to put Harry in peril.



Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire (Movie 4)

Harry's fourth year at Hogwarts starts at The Quidditch World Cup Final. After the match is over, people dressed like Lord Voldemort's 'Death Eaters' set a fire to all of the visitors' tents and Voldemort's symbol appears in the sky causing a frenzy across the magical community. Returning to Hogwarts, the school is hosting 'The Tri-wizard Tournament', a magical tournament between three well-known schools of magic. Harry is unwittingly selected as the Fourth Champion to participate.



Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix (Movie 5)

After a lonely summer on Privet Drive, Harry returns to a Hogwarts full of ill-fortune. Few of students and parents believe him or Dumbledore that Lord Voldemort is really back. The ministry had decided to step in by appointing a new Defense Against the Dark Arts teacher that proves to be the nastiest person Harry has ever encountered. To top it off, Harry's dreams are frequent, startling, and unexplainable. With these many things Harry begins one of his toughest years.



Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince (Movie 6)

In the sixth year at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft, and in both wizard and muggle worlds, Lord Voldemort and his henchmen are increasingly active. With vacancies to fill at Hogwarts, Professor Dumbledore persuades Horace Slughorn back from retirement to become the potions teacher, while Professor Snape receives long awaited news. Harry Potter, together with Dumbledore, must face treacherous tasks to defeat his evil nemesis.



Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1 (Movie 7)

Voldemort's power is growing stronger. He now has control over the Ministry of Magic and Hogwarts. Harry, Ron, and Hermione decide to finish Dumbledore's work and find the rest of the Horcruxes to defeat the Dark Lord. Little hope remains for the Trio and the rest of the Wizarding World, so everything they do must go as planned.



Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2 (Movie 8)

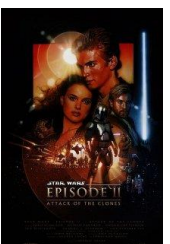
The final chapter begins as Harry, Ron, and Hermione continue their quest of finding and destroying the Dark Lord's three remaining Horcruxes, the magical items responsible for his immortality. But as the mystical Deathly Hallows are uncovered, and Voldemort finds out about their mission, the biggest battle begins and life as they know it will never be the same again.

Science Fiction



Star Wars – Episode I: The Phantom Menace

Two Jedis find themselves on the planet Tatooine, where they become friends with a young boy named, Anakin Skywalker. Qui-Gon—one of the jedis—is curious about the boy, and sees a bright future for him. The group must now find a way of getting to Coruscant to solve a trade dispute, but there is someone else hiding in the shadows. Are the Sith really extinct? Is the Queen really who she says she is? And what's so special about this young boy?



Star Wars – Episode II: Attack of the Clones

Ten years after the 'Phantom Menace' threatened the planet Naboo, Padmé Amidala is now a Senator representing her homeworld. A faction of separatists attempt to assassinate her. There are not enough Jedi to defend the Republic against the threat, so Jango Fett's army of clones is enlisted to handle the situation. Meanwhile, Obi-Wan Kenobi continues to train the young Jedi Anakin Skywalker who fears that the Jedi code will forbid his growing romance with Amidala.



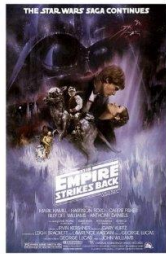
Star Wars – Episode III: Revenge of the Sith

Three years after the onset of the Clone Wars; the noble Jedi Knights are spread out across the galaxy leading a massive clone army in the war against the Separatists. Meanwhile, Anakin's friendship with the Chancellor arouses suspicion in the Jedi Order. When the sinister Sith Lord, Darth Sidious reveals himself and unveils a plot to take over the galaxy, the fate of Anakin, the Jedi order, and the entire galaxy is at stake.



Star Wars – Episode IV: A New Hope

Part IV in George Lucas' epic, *Star Wars: A New Hope* follows the life of a simple farm boy, Luke Skywalker, as he and his newly met allies (Han Solo, Chewbacca, Obi-Wan Kenobi, C-3PO, R2-D2) attempt to rescue a Rebel leader, Princess Leia, from the clutches of the Empire. The conclusion is culminated as the Rebels, including Skywalker and flying ace Wedge Antilles make an attack on the Empire's most powerful and ominous weapon, the Death Star.



Star Wars – Episode V: The Empire Strikes Back

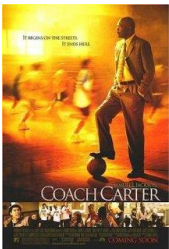
Fleeing the evil Galactic Empire, the Rebels abandon their new base in an assault with the Imperial AT-AT walkers on the ice world of Hoth. Princess Leia, Han Solo, Chewbacca and the droid C-3PO escape in the Millennium Falcon, but are later captured by Darth Vader on Bespin. Meanwhile, Luke Skywalker and the droid R2-D2 follows Obi-Wan Kenobi's posthumous command and receives Jedi training from Master Yoda on the swamp world of Dagobah.



Star Wars – Episode VI: Return of the Jedi

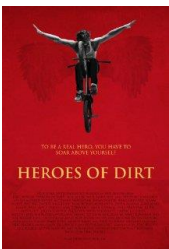
Darth Vader and the Empire are building a new, indestructible Death Star. Meanwhile, Han Solo has been imprisoned, and Luke Skywalker has sent R2-D2 and C-3PO to try and free him. Princess Leia—disguised as a bounty hunter—and Chewbacca go along as well. The final battle takes place on the moon of Endor, with its natural inhabitants, the Ewoks, lending a hand to the Rebels.

Sports



Coach Carter

Ken Carter, a successful sporting goods store owner, accepts a basketball coach job for his old high school in a poor area of Richmond, CA, where he was a champion athlete. Dismayed by the poor attitudes of his players as well as their dismal play performance, Carter sets about to change both. Carter fights to keep his methods to show the boys that they need to rely on more than sports for their futures. In the end, he eventually finds he has affected them more profoundly than he ever expected.



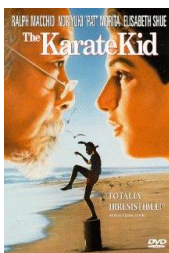
Heroes of Dirt

Passionate BMX dirt jumper, Phin Cooper, wants nothing in life but to attain fame in his sport and get paid doing it. After missing out on a competition for landing in jail for unpaid citations, he is court-ordered for community service and reluctantly mentors one of the toughest boys, Blue Espinosa. As Phin leads the troubled teen on exciting adventures of riding dirt trails, big jumps and cityscapes, Blue becomes an unlikely friend whose secret world of drug trafficking threatens Phin's ultimate dream.



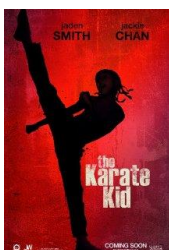
Invictus

This film tells the inspiring true story of how Nelson Mandela joined forces with the captain of South Africa's rugby team to help unite their country. Newly elected President Mandela knows his nation remains racially and economically divided. Believing he can bring his people together through the universal language of sport, Mandela rallies South Africa's rugby team as they make their historic run to the 1995 Rugby World Cup Championship match.



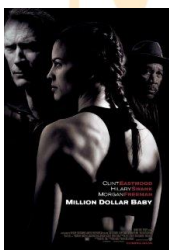
The Karate Kid – 1984

Daniel and his mother move from New Jersey to California. She has a wonderful new job, but Daniel quickly discovers that a dark haired Italian boy with a Jersey accent doesn't fit into the blond surfer crowd. Daniel manages to talk his way out of some fights, but eventually is cornered by several who belong to the same karate school. Miyagi promises to teach Daniel karate and arranges a fight at the All-Valley Karate Tournament some months off.



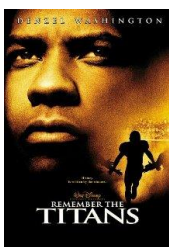
The Karate Kid – 2010

12-year-old Dre Parker could've been the most popular kid in Detroit, but his mother's latest career move has landed him in China. As Dre transitions to a new place, a class bully named Cheng appears, making his transition difficult. With no friends in a strange land, Dre has nowhere to turn but maintenance man Mr. Han, who is secretly a master of Kung Fu. As Han teaches Dre Kung Fu is much more than punches and parries, Dre matures and realizes the discipline of Kung Fu will help him with his transition.



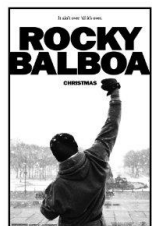
Million Dollar Baby

Maggie Fitzgerald, a poor thirty-one year old waitress from the very lower classes, and dysfunctional loser family, decides to make a difference through boxing. She convinces the experienced hardened boxing trainer Frankie Dunn to coach her and be her manager, with the support of his old partner Eddie Scrap-Iron Dupris, who sees her potential as a boxer. Frankie has a problematical relationship with his daughter, and practically adopts Maggie along her career.



Remember the Titans

One Black and one White high school are closed in suburban Virginia and the students are federally forced to integrate into T.C. Williams High School. The year is seen through the eyes of the football team where the man hired to coach the Black school is made head coach over the highly successful White coach. Based on the actual events of 1971, the team becomes the unifying symbol for the community as the boys and the adults learn to depend on and trust each other.



Rocky Balboa

When he loses a highly publicized virtual boxing match to ex-champ Rocky Balboa, reigning heavyweight titleholder Mason Dixon retaliates by challenging the "Italian Stallion" to a nationally televised, 10-round exhibition bout. To the surprise of his son and friends, Rocky agrees to come out of retirement and face an opponent who's faster, stronger and thirty years his junior. With the odds stacked firmly against him, Rocky takes on Dixon in what will become one of the greatest fights in boxing history.