

**English Presentation and Discussion**  
**Presentation Assignment, Autumn 2019**  
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1. Choose a classmate to work with. Choose a movie to study on DVD from one of the movies in the list below. Be sure that your chosen DVD has English subtitles (英語字幕).
2. Goal: watch and study the film by using the English subtitles, turn off Japanese subtitles and audio.
3. Choose a 5-10 minute dialogue from this movie to study in more detail. (A scene with dialogue means a scene in which people are speaking—not a scene that is mostly action with few spoken words). It is best to choose a scene that is a highlight or important part of the story.
4. Bring the DVD to class and make a presentation about this movie. Describe the movie, explain why it is interesting, then present the scene that you chose for more detailed study.
5. You have to teach the difficult vocabulary from the scene, read the dialogue out loud and explain what happens in the scene. Give the students a printout of the vocabulary and the dialogue.
6. After your presentation, you have to revise the powerpoint file and other documents you made and submit them again. You need to make improvements based on the comments you got after your presentation.
7. Begin preparation NOW! You cannot succeed at this assignment if you do all the work just before your presentation day. You need to submit a draft several days before your presentation day.

Presentations will be scheduled for the last three or four classes before the New Year holiday. In order to understand the dialogue, you will have to use a DVD that has English subtitles. If you find out that the DVD has no English subtitles, ask the teacher for help. There is a way to get English subtitles.

## The List

You have to choose one of these films. The assignment is to study films with more mature themes, and to discover a film that you might not have watched otherwise. All of these films have something to teach you about the real world. They are entertaining, but they are not escapist entertainment. If you try to get these movies at stores in Japan, they might have different titles in Japanese. If you can't find the movie, search for it on the Internet to find out the Japanese title. Some of these might be difficult to find on DVD, so choose something that you are able to borrow, rent or buy easily. If the DVD that you find has no English subtitles, ask the teacher for help in finding the subtitles. You have to have English subtitles. The teacher has some of these DVDs.

1. A Civil Action (environmental problems, citizens' rights)
2. Adaptation (family, career, the nature of storytelling, evolution)
3. All the President's Men (history, American politics, 1970s)
4. Almost Famous (the music industry, love and friendship, loyalty)
5. Amadeus (biography of Mozart)
6. Born on the Fourth of July (history, American politics, 1970s)
7. Bulworth (American politics, satire, comedy)
8. Burn! (Quiemada) (history, colonialism, 19th century)
9. Doctor Zhivago (history, 20th century, Russia)
10. Don Juan de Marco (psychology, personal trauma, escapism, romantic fantasy)
11. Erin Brokovich (environmental problems, citizens' rights)
12. Fisher King (psychology, personal trauma, escapism, romantic fantasy, alienation)
13. Frida (biography of the famous Mexican artist, 20th century history)
14. Gold (finance, economic crisis, stock market manipulation, corruption)
15. Groundhog Day (philosophy, religion, morality—what would you do differently if you could relive one day of your life repeatedly until you make it perfect?)
16. Idiocracy (science fiction, satire, automation, artificial intelligence, evolution, comedy)
17. Immortal Beloved (biography of Beethoven, 18th century history)
18. Invictus (South Africa's rugby team after apartheid, history, 1990s)
19. Juno (adoption, pregnancy, marriage)
20. Larger than Life (a man in the middle of a career crisis inherits an elephant)
21. Lincoln (the American Civil War, 19th century history, the abolition of slavery)
22. Little Miss Sunshine (chasing dreams, or finding peace within the family?)
23. Margin Call (finance, economic crisis, corruption)
24. On the Waterfront (fighting organized crime in New York in the 1950s)
25. REDS (biography of the American journalist who witnessed the Bolshevik Revolution in 1917)
26. Merry Christmas, Mr. Lawrence (strange relations in a Japanese prisoner of war camp, 1940s)
27. Nixon (biography of the American president, 1970s)
28. Noise (philosophy, a man fights to make his city quiet, and loses everything in his life, but it was worth it)
29. Silkwood (biography of a woman who died mysteriously while fighting corruption in the nuclear industry)

30. Snowden (biography of the famous spy who told the world about the National Security Agency)
31. Thank You For Smoking (the freedom to smoke vs. the public health crisis made by the tobacco industry)
32. Thirteen Days (the story of the Cuban Missile Crisis, from the American point of view)
33. Seven Years in Tibet (the story of the German man who went to Tibet and met the young Dalai Lama)
34. Shadowmakers (Fat Man and Little Boy) (the story of the making of the first atom bombs)
35. Shakespeare in Love (17th century history, a fictional story about the making of *Romeo and Juliet*)
36. The Aviator (biography of Howard Hughes, pioneer of the airline industry)
37. The Big Short (finance, economic crisis, corruption)
38. The Descendants (a tragedy brings a family together, the corrupting influence of money on Hawaiian heritage)
39. The Godfather (Part 1) (the classic movie about the rise of organized crime in the 20th century)
40. The Great Gatsby (the classic story about the American dream, 1920s)
41. The Insider (the corruption of the news media by corporate power, how the tobacco industry in the United States lost its power)
42. The King's Speech (biography of King George, father of Queen Elizabeth II, 1940s)
43. The Last Emperor (the story of the last emperor of China during the Japanese occupation of Manchuria and later during the communist revolution)
44. The Mission (Christian missionaries came to Brazil in the 18th century and established peaceful cooperation with the native people, but this peace was destroyed by Portuguese and Spanish colonization)
45. The Other Boleyn Girl (history, 15th century England, King Henry VIII, told through the story of his wives and mistresses)
46. The Quiet American (history, 1950s, the early days of American involvement in Vietnam)
47. The Queen (history, 16th century, biography of Queen Elizabeth I)
48. The Right Stuff (the early days of the American space program, NASA)
49. The Rum Diary (a young journalist investigates corruption in a tropical resort island)
50. This is Not America (history, American politics, 1970s)
51. Wall Street (finance, economic crisis, corruption)
52. Wall Street: Money Never Sleeps (finance, economic crisis, corruption)
53. What about Bob? (comedy, satire about psychology and mental illness)
54. 2001: A Space Odyssey (the classic science fiction tale, made in 1968, about the future of space exploration, and the future of humanity)