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**Past Imperfect: Examining Secondary Sources of the American Revolution**

(Handout #1)

Watch the following film clips and see if you can find the historical inaccuracies. Take notes below. These will come in handy later in the lesson.

Clip #1      *The Last of the Mohicans*      Attack on Fort William Henry (1:15)

Clip #2      *The Alamo*      The final Mexican attack on the Alamo (10:00)

Clip #3      *Glory*      First tent scene (2:34)

Clip #4      *Gone With the Wind*      Forty acres and a mule(1:00)

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(Handout #2)

*The Patriot*

Answer the following questions after viewing the film clips from *The Patriot*. Refer back to your sources for help.

1. Why was the Patriot (Benjamin Martin) portrayed that way? Was this a realistic portrayal?

Think about:

- Slavery
- Wealthy Farmer
- Militia
- Desertion

2. How were the British portrayed in *The Patriot*? Was that a realistic portrayal?

Think about:

- Tactics
- Tories

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(Handout #3)

Assessment:

Write your response on a separate sheet of loose leaf paper.

Mel Gibson, star of *The Patriot*, is quoted as stating, “If one were to adhere to historical accuracy all the way, you’d probably have the most boring two hours on earth, but firstly it’s entertainment and we’ve taken license with history to make it more compelling.” In a well organized essay defend or refute Gibson’s opinion. Make sure to create a thesis statement with supporting detail from textbook, primary sources, and movie clips. Acknowledging the opposite point of view in your argument is required.

#### Checklist

- Thesis Statement
- Supporting Detail #1
- Supporting Detail #2
- Supporting Detail #3
- Opposite point of View
- Conclusion

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*Rubric*  
(Handout #4)

<b><u>Scale</u></b>	<b><u>Criteria</u></b>
Advanced 4	Paper contains a persuasive thesis Paper gives three examples to support thesis Paper acknowledges opposite point of view in argument Argument is well organized; easy to comprehend Writing is grammatically correct with no spelling errors
Proficient 3	Paper contains a persuasive thesis Paper gives two examples to support thesis Paper acknowledges opposite point of view in argument Argument is well organized; easy to comprehend Writing is largely grammatically correct with very few spelling errors
Basic 2	Paper contains a persuasive thesis Paper gives examples that are not always accurate to support thesis Paper acknowledges opposite point of view in argument Argument is not well organized; not easy to comprehend Writing has many grammatical or spelling errors
Minimal 1	Paper does not contains a thesis Paper gives examples that are not accurate Paper does not acknowledge opposite point of view in argument Argument is not well organized; not easy to comprehend Writing has many grammatical and spelling errors