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ERA 5: CIVIL WAR AND RECONSTRUCTION (1850-1877)

ERA 10: CONTEMPORARY UNITED STATES (1968 TO THE PRESENT)

THEMES: AMERICAN DIVERSITY, REFORM, SLAVERY AND ITS LEGACY

Hollywood History

Guiding Questions

- What's the danger in Hollywood making historical movies?
- What has Hollywood done well with historical movies? Poorly?
- What should be the focus in a movie about Lincoln and the 13th amendment? Is this the reality?

Question Focus Examples for Task 24

Historical movies can provide greater, extra context while studying history.



Clark Gable and Vivien Leigh in *Gone with the Wind*

Teacher-to-Teacher

While this collection focuses primarily on Hollywood's treatment of Lincoln, this is a great article that could lead to some discussion as well as possibly a project. Students can be assigned, or choose, historical movies to research the accuracy of and then present to the class. The primary documents cover the recent unveiling of Spielberg's Lincoln and the controversy surrounding the accuracy of the movie. The second set of primary documents deal with the actual Congressional record concerning the 13th amendment. Students can use the new movie of Lincoln to research the accuracy of it using Doris Kearns Goodwin's Team of Rivals.

Literature Connection: The Love of the Last Tycoon by F.Scott Fitzgerald

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by Mark C. Carnes ARTICLE
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