

Movies for Social Social Students

The following list of films identifies films that are related to Social Studies. It is a work in progress.

Individual tastes vary, but the films on this list have been selected for not only their educational value, but also their entertainment value. Their entertainment value is based upon their critical and box office successes.

They are listed in alphabetical order.

Film	Social Studies Topics, Concepts & Issues	Info
Battle of Britain (1969)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Importance of Battle of Britain • Tough decisions that need to be made during times of war 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rating: G for General Audience • Genre: War / Drama / Action • Awards: Nominated for BAFTA Film Award
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Goodbye Lenin (2000)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • German reunification • capitalism vs socialism • propaganda • breakup of the Soviet Union 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rating: R for brief language and sexuality • Genre: Comedy / Drama / Romance • Awards: Nominated for Golden Globe. Another 30 wins & 14 nominations for non-Oscar Awards
Hotel Rwanda (2000)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • genocide • Is the UN effective? • nationalism 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rating: PG-13 on appeal for violence, disturbing images and brief strong language. • Genre: Drama / History / War / Thriller • Awards: Nominated for 3 Oscars. Another 12 wins & 23 nominations for non-Oscar Awards
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Saving Private Ryan (1998)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WW II • Reality and horror of War 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rating: R for intense prolonged realistic graphic sequences of war violence, and for language • Genre: Action / Drama / History / War • Awards: Won 5 Oscars.
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<p>Schindler's List (1993)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reality and Horror of the Holocaust • WW II • Should citizens always obey the law? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rating: R for General Audience • Genre: Biography / Drama / History / War • Awards: Won 7 Oscars
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<p>The Distinguished Gentleman (1992)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Political deal making • Influence of lobbyists in American government 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rating: G for language, some sexuality, graphic sequences and disturbing images of Holocaust violence • Genre: Comedy • Awards: Political Film Society Special Award
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<p>Thirteen Days (2000)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cuban Missile Crisis • Brinkmanship • Spheres of Influence • International Diplomacy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rating: PG-13 for brief strong language. • Genre: Biography / Drama / History / War • Non-Oscar Awards: 3 wins & 7 nominations