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TEXTS:
Belton, John. American Cinema American Culture, 2nd ed.
Boggs, Joe. The Art of Watching Films

ASSIGNMENTS:
Written assignments: three short papers; one class presentation during the semester (I will distribute a schedule); final seminar paper due during Finals Week. Additionally, there will be reading assignments out of the texts for most weeks.

ATTENDANCE:
Because this class meets once a week, and because you are Honors students, I expect you to be in class, and prepared for class, every week. Your regular attendance is absolutely essential.

GRADING:
Short papers: 40%
Final Paper: 60%

CONFERENCES:
One of the most valuable and effective ways for you to help yourself in this course is to talk with me about your work in private conference. I encourage you to make an appointment with me, or to come in during my office hours, especially concerning your final research paper.

ACADEMIC HONESTY:
Dishonesty of any sort in this class will result in a failing grade in the course.

DISABILITY INFORMATION:
If you have a documented disability and wish to receive academic accommodation, please contact the Coordinator of the Office of Disability Services at 581-6583 as soon as possible.
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Tentative Schedule

American Epic: The Godfather Films

Aug 24 Introduction to Film Studies
Aug 31 Film clips; introduction to The Godfather films
Sept 07 Elia Kazan, On the Waterfront (1954) 1h 48m
Sept 14 TBA
Sept 21 Francis Ford Coppola, The Godfather (1972) [1st half of 2h 55m]
Sept 27 The Godfather [2nd half]
Oct 05 Discussion
Oct 12 William Wellman, The Public Enemy (1931) 1h 24m **PAPER ONE DUE
Oct 19 Coppola, The Godfather Part II (1974) [1st half of 3h 15m]
Oct 26 The Godfather Part II [2nd half]
Nov 02 Discussion
Nov 09 Coppola, The Godfather Part III (1990) [1st half of 2h 21m]
Nov 16 The Godfather Part III [2nd half] ***PAPER TWO DUE
Nov 23 NO CLASS
Nov 30 Sofia Coppola, Marie Antoinette (2006) 2h 3m
Dec 07 TBA