

Dear Parent or Guardian:

For the next several weeks the eighth grade social studies students will be endeavoring into the world of the American Civil War. This is a very extensive unit in social studies. The Civil War era is also an intriguing unit of study for many of the students.

One of the areas that we focus on in the Civil War Unit is the role of African Americans in the war effort. The film *Glory* is an excellent account of the famous Massachusetts 54th regiment. The film presents the struggles, the triumphs, and the historical legacy of the Massachusetts 54th. As the film is a war film, there are scenes that include military violence and because of the time period portrayed, issues of racial inequality are addressed. Because of this, the film is designated as rated "R". It is my belief that the film provides an extraordinary source of information for the students about the Civil War. It is truly an amazing experience for many of the students.

Because the film is "R" rated, I am asking that all students present a signed permission slip to me prior to viewing the film. Without a permission slip, your child will not be able to watch the film. For any student who is not to watch the film, an alternate enrichment activity will be planned outside of the classroom.

Again, I do feel that the film is a worthwhile experience but I also respect your decisions regarding the best interests of your child. If you have any questions regarding the film or the alternate enrichment assignment, please feel free to call or email me at any time. Thank you very much for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Hicks
Social Studies Grade 8

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I give my son/daughter _____ permission to view the film *Glory* in Mrs. Hicks' social studies classroom.

I would prefer that my son/daughter _____ not view the film *Glory* in Mrs. Hicks' classroom. Please allow him/her to complete the alternate assignment.

_____ (Parent Signature)

_____ (Date)