

MODESTO CITY SCHOOLS
SUPPLEMENTARY INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS:
FILMS/VIDEOS
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The following films/videos are approved as supplementary instructional materials for the content areas and grade levels indicated. Parents/Guardians may select to opt their student out of the assignment by notifying the school and requesting an alternate assignment. MPAA ratings are indicated. Unrated films are labeled NR.

Language Arts 7

Cay, The (NR)

The Cay is the story of Phillip, a young boy, who with his mother, are trying to escape the war and head back to their home in Virginia during World War II. Their ship is torpedoed, and Phillip is separated from his mother. He awakens to find he is blind and adrift on a life raft with a black man and a cat named Stew cat, where they eventually land on a deserted island. A story not only of survival, but of friendship and overcoming prejudices.

Outsiders, The (PG-13)

When two poor greasers, Johnny, and Ponyboy are assaulted by a vicious gang, the socs, and Johnny kills one of the attackers, tension begins to mount between the two rival gangs, setting off a turbulent chain of events. [V]

Grade 8 English

American Graffiti (PG)

This film of local interest about youngsters coming of age in 1962 provides for discussion of life choices.

Math 7

Super Size Me (PG-13) (sex conversation between Morgan and girlfriend to be deleted)

While examining the influence of the fast food industry, Morgan Spurlock personally explores the consequences on his health of a diet of solely McDonald's food for one month. [P, S]

Band 7-8

Drum Line (PG-13)

The film gets the viewer involved in band strategies and entertaining half-time music while providing a portrait of a gifted young drummer who learns to discipline himself and think of others. [some P]