

Apocalypse Now Parental Permission Form

Dear Parents:

Presently, all my students are studying the novel, *Heart of Darkness*, by Joseph Conrad. I am using the movie *Apocalypse Now* as a supplement to the reading. The movie, which was nominated for eight Academy Awards, is based on the novel and offers an excellent interpretation of various themes from the text within a modern context. Because the movie is rated “R” for violence and language, I strongly believe it appropriate to ask your permission before showing the film. I have used the movie in the past and have had great success with it. I will assign a formal essay following the movie. The essay will ask the students to apply a critical analysis to both the movie and the novel.

My decision to show the film is largely based on the maturity level illustrated by all of my A.P. students during the course of the year. They are truly remarkable young men and women, offer excellent insights into the literature we have read, and constantly challenge themselves to critically assess their ideas. Regardless of this perception, however, the decision to allow your son or daughter to view an R-rated film is rightfully yours and I ask that you sign this permission form in the space indicated, below. Please note that students who do not receive permission will have a supplementary assignment in place of watching the film.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

_____ (Permission Granted)

_____ (Permission Denied)