**TELEVISION PROGRAM WORKSHEET -- FOR A WORK OF HISTORICAL FICTION**

Read the questions before you watch the program so that you will have the questions in mind while watching. At breaks during the program or at the end, make short notes in the spaces provided. You do not need to take notes, and no grade will be given on the notes. If you take notes while the program is on, make sure that your note taking doesn’t interfere with careful watching. Some students find it best not to take any notes until the program is over.

Answer all of the questions on separate sheets of paper. You do not need to restate the question. All responses should be complete sentences using proper grammar and correct spelling. Questions need to be answered completely and comprehensively, demonstrating that you paid attention to the program and thought about what was shown on the screen. Questions 6 and 10 ask about your personal experience, and you may respond in the first person. All other responses should be in the third person. When Questions 7 - 10 are assigned as homework, research the historical event and provide citations to the authorities on which you rely for any facts cited in your responses.

1. Write a brief summary of the main plot, describing the event or events that are the focus of the program and stating where and when they take place. *(1 paragraph)*

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1. Name and describe the protagonist and the antagonist in this story. *(2 paragraphs)*

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1. In the story told by the program, what is the main conflict and how is it resolved?  *(1 paragraph)*

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1. Historical fiction employs the elements of literature and the devices of fiction. Identify and describe two literary elements or devices that are evident in the program other than conflict, antagonist, protagonist, and imagery. Other literary elements or devices may include: prologue, expository phase, voice, symbol, foreshadowing, flashback, irony, foil, opposition, archetype, motif, characterization, climax, and denouement. For each literary device that you identify, describe the role that it plays in presenting the story. *(2 paragraphs)*

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1. Music and lighting are part of the way that the moviemakers communicate their message. Go deeper than that. Give two specific examples of how other elements of the cinematic art, such as shot framing, camera angles, camera movement, color, editing choice, or length of take were used by the filmmakers to get their point across. *(2 paragraphs)*

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1. Describe two images or scenes from the program that stand out in your mind. Discuss why those images impressed you and how they relate to the themes of the program. *(2 paragraphs)*

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1. Describe two events or portrayals in the program that, on the whole, accurately reflect what actually happened and two that do not. For any historical inaccuracies, describe what really happened. *(4 paragraphs)*

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1. Pick one of the following factors that play an important role in the program. Chose among political, economic, religious, social, and ideological. How does the program reflect the factor you identified? Be specific. For extra credit, pick a second factor and describe how the program reflects that factor. (*1 paragraph per factor)*

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1. Describe a lesson from this program that viewers can apply to their own lives: (1) to help them decide on a position to support on a public issue or (2) in their relations with family and friends. Detail the events that relate to this lesson. *(1 to 3 paragraphs)*

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1. Given the fact that the audience will take away an impression of the historical events or figures portrayed in the program, do you think that on the whole, the program improves the viewer’s understanding of the historical events as they actually occurred? Justify your conclusion.

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