

## **Diving Into the Movies**

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Hello and thanks for your interest in our film group. The first time we did this, I was new to zoom teaching, and I was inept- at best. After having taught a few more classes, I'm only slightly less inept. But what remains a constant is the thoughtful and heartfelt comments of students in our discussion.

The format will be: you'll know in advance what film to see and where you can stream it. And I'll give you some things to think about as you watch it. When we meet, I'll give a lecture on it and we can then discuss it.

Whenever I've taught film, I've never decided in advance which films to show. That decision is always based on our experience together- and what kind of films I think will work best with you. This isn't just a question of themes but also things like levels of violence or graphic sex. Every class is different, and I do my best to determine which films will make for a satisfying watching and discussing experience.

All films can be located by using the site [justwatch.com](http://justwatch.com). Each week, I will send out a letter introducing the week's film and giving you some things to think about as you watch the film.

Stay tuned, and welcome to class!

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