



## Civil War Films for the Classroom

The following is a list of movies recommended by Ohio teachers:

### **Cold Mountain** (Rated R; 154 minutes)

"Cold Mountain" tells the story of a wounded Confederate soldier named Inman who struggles on a perilous journey to get back home to Cold Mountain, N.C. where his love, Ada, waits for him while learning the ropes of managing her deceased father's farm. Based on the Charles Frazier novel.

### **Gettysburg** (Rated PG; 262 minutes)

Gettysburg is a 1993 film that dramatizes the decisive Battle of Gettysburg in the American Civil War. It was directed by Ronald F. Maxwell, who also wrote the screenplay, a close adaptation of Michael Shaara's 1974 novel *The Killer Angels*, winner of the Pulitzer Prize for fiction in 1975.

### **Glory** (Rated R; 122 minutes)

"Glory" is a 1989 drama war film based on the 54th Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry as told from the point of view of its commanding officer, Robert Gould Shaw during the American Civil War. The 54th was one of the first formal units of the U.S. Army to be made up entirely of African-American men. Directed by Edward Zwick.

### **Gods and Generals** (Rated PG-13; 219 minutes)

Based on the best-selling historical novel by Jeff Shaara, "Gods and Generals" covers the events of the American Civil War before the climactic battle of Gettysburg. Seen from the points of view of leaders such as Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson, Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain, Winfield Scott Hancock and Robert E. Lee, the film begins just after the attack on Fort Sumter in April 1861, and culminates with the battle of Chancellorsville in May of 1863. Directed by Ronald F. Maxwell, the film is a prequel to "Gettysburg," the classic 1993 film also directed by Maxwell.

### **Gone with the Wind** (Not Rated; 238 minutes)

"Gone with the Wind" is a 1939 American drama romance film adapted from Margaret Mitchell's 1936 novel of the same name and directed by Victor Fleming. The epic film, set in the American South in and around the time of the Civil War tells a story of the Civil War and its aftermath from a white Southern viewpoint.

### **Horse Soldiers** (Not Rated; 115 minutes)

"Horse Soldiers" is a 1959 western film, set in the American Civil War, directed by John Ford. The film was based on Harold Sinclair's novel of the same name. The movie is based on the true story of Grierson's Raid and the climactic Battle of Newton's Station, led by Colonel Benjamin Grierson who, along with 1700 men, set out from northern Mississippi and rode several hundred miles behind enemy lines in April 1863 to cut the railroad between Newton's Station and Vicksburg, Mississippi. Grierson's raid was part of the Union campaign, culminating in the Battle of Vicksburg.

### **The Red Badge of Courage** (Not Rated; 69 minutes)

This 1951 adaptation of Stephen Crane's classic novel follows the experience of a raw recruit to the Union Army through his first two days of battle. Directed by John Huston.