In this unit we will study cinematography (film making) through the film *Remember the Titans*. Students are responsible for making up the work that they miss. Packets can be found online at Quaintance.weebly.com/drama

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Film 101: Survey

1. Approximately how many movies do you watch a month (on DVD or Cable or in a theater)?

2. What are your favorite types of movie? Explain.

3. What are your least favorite types of movie? Explain.

4. Rank the top five best films ever made, in your opinion.

5. What kind of movies do your parents or guardians like to watch? How often do you watch movies with them?

6. What are the differences between watching a movie at home and watching in a theater?

7. What kind of movies do you watch in school?

8. What are you normally asked by the teacher to do while or after watching a movie in school?
Remember the Titans: Background

In the early 1950s, many students went to different schools because of their race. White children went to one school and black children went to a different school. This system was called segregation. During this time, segregation was legal. Many other public facilities were also segregated.

Segregation was legal because of past court decisions. In 1896, the Supreme Court of the United States decided a case called Plessy v. Ferguson. In this case, the Court said that segregation was legal when the facilities for both races (trains, bathrooms, restaurants, etc.) were similar in quality.

Under segregation, all-white and all-black schools sometimes had similar buildings, busses, and teachers. Sometimes, the buildings, busses, and teachers for the all-black schools were lower in quality. Often, black children had to travel far to get to their school. In Topeka, Kansas, a black student named Linda Brown had to walk through a dangerous railroad to get to her all-black school. Her family believed that segregated schools should be illegal.

The Brown family sued the school system (Board of Education of Topeka). And in probably the most famous court case of all time (Brown v. Board of Ed), the Supreme Court ruled that separating schools and other institutions is unconstitutional and should be illegal.

Using the text above, answer the following questions.

1. Define the term segregation:
2. Use the term segregation in a sentence:
3. Why did Linda Brown’s family challenge segregation in schools?
4. What was the result of the Brown v. Board of Ed case?
Preview Film

Watch the preview for the film we will watch. Then fill out the form below:

Film Title: ____________________________

Year Released: _________________________

Director: ______________________________

After watching the preview, what do you think this movie will be about?
Film Terminology: Part A

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## Shots and Framing

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**Film Terminology: Part B**

**Sound**

**Diegetic:** sound that could logically be heard by the characters in the film.

**Non-Diegetic:** sound that cannot be heard by the characters but is designed for audience reaction only. An example might be ominous music for foreshadowing.

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**Pan:** a stationary camera moves from side to side on a horizontal axis.

**Tilt:** a stationary camera moves up or down along a vertical axis

**Zoom:** a stationary camera where the lens moves to make an object seem to move closer to or further away from the camera. With this technique, moving into a character is often a personal or revealing movement, while moving away distances or separates the audience from the character.

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Remember the Titans: Test Review

Work in groups to answer these questions. Next class you will take an open notebook test on these questions as well as earlier material in this packet.

1. What year was it when T.C. Williams High School was created?

2. What day does the team leave for football camp at Gettysburg College?

3. What reason does Gary give when he tells Julius that he honestly thinks he (Julius) is "nothing, nothing but a pure waste of God-given talent"?

4. Ronny Bass joins the team during the camp at Gettysburg. What nickname does the team give him and why?

5. Does Sheryl approve of Coach Boone's football camp?

6. What happens on the first day of school?

7. Before the first game of the season, Coach Boone tells the team that they are already winners. Why does he believe this?

8. When Gary tells his mother he plans to go play basketball with Julius, she tells him not to go. Gary tells his mother she should just get to know Julius. His mother replies, "I don't want to get to know him." This conversation between Gary and his mom expresses one of the themes of the movie (theme="lesson"). What is this theme?

9. The beginning of game three starts differently than the other games. How does it start?

10. How does "Sunshine" prove that he can do a good job as the substitute quarterback?

11. What does Yoast do that causes him to lose the nomination to the Virginia High School Football Hall of Fame?

12. Why does Gary end up in the hospital?

13. Would the players have bonded if the team had not won?

14. How did playing football help the students overcome their prejudices about each other?

15. How did the football team at T.C. Williams help the adults in the community overcome their prejudices?

16. Why does the movie begin and end with a funeral scene?