Motion Picture Analysis Worksheet

Step 01: Pre-viewing
A. Title of film:
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B. What do you think you will see in this movie? List 3 concepts or ideas and 3 people that you might expect to see based on the title of the movie.

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Step 02: Viewing
A. Type of movie
  _____ Cartoon       _____ Based on true story
  _____ Documentary   _____ Silent Movie
  _____ Other

B. Physical qualities
  _____ Music         _____ Animation or cartoon
  _____ Narration     _____ Dramatizations
  _____ Special effects _____ Background noise
  _____ Black & White _____ Color
  _____ Live action

C. What is the mood or tone of the film?
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Step 03: Post-viewing

A. Highlight the things that you listed in the previewing activity that were validated by your viewing of the movie.

B. What is the central or most important message of the movie?

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C. Consider the effectiveness of the movie in communicating its message. As a tool of communication, what are its strengths and weaknesses?

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D. Does this movie appeal to the viewer’s reason or emotion? How does it make you feel?

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E. List 2 things this movie tells you about life in the United States at the time it was creating?
   1. __________________________________________
   2. __________________________________________

F. Write a question to the filmmaker that is left unanswered by the movie.

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G. What information do you gain about this event that would not be conveyed by a written source? Be specific.

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Adapted from Motion Picture Analysis Worksheet: http://www.archives.gov/digital_classroom/lessons/analysis_worksheets/movie.html