Engl 2Spring 2017

**Rhetorical Analysis Project: Film List**

**Do the Right Thing**

**Note:** the categories overlap somewhat, but I tried to offer an assortment. Before you ask, no, sorry, I am not going to expand the list to include your suggestions, though I will be happy to take your suggestions for next year. I need to keep this to a manageable size, and I want to urge you to watch a *new* film (new to you, that is). Of these 57 films, I’m sure there’s at least one you’ll find engaging. A lot of them are thrillers and/or depressing stories, so I put a little happy face by the ones that are more upbeat, at least at the end. Some are dramas, some comedies.

**Commentary of Current Business/Economic Issues**

* Promised Land ☺
* 99 Homes
* Company Men
* Michael Clayton
* Lords of War
* Thank You for Smoking
* The Big Short
* Wall Street (I or II)

**Politics**

* Ides of March
* Bullworth
* Dave ☺
* The Contender
* Wag the Dog ☺ (dark humor)

**Current Issues Refracted Through History**

* Sweet Land ☺
* Amazing Grace ☺ (some dark parts but ultimately inspiring)
* Trumbo
* The Front
* Focus
* Hotel Rwanda
* The Molly Maguires

Gender

* North Country
* Iron-Jawed Angels
* Suffragette
* Baby Boom ☺

Warriors/Terrorists/Peacemakers

* The Boxer (Daniel Day Lewis)
* King Arthur (Clive Owen)
* The Mission (DeNiro)
* Five Minutes of Heaven
* Sergeant York
* Gandhi
* Shadow Dancer

Race/Immigration

* Do the Right Thing
* The Visitor
* Dear White People ☺ (social satire)
* Walkout ☺

International Stories

* Central Station (Brazil)
* Holly (Vietnam/Cambodia)
* Girl in the Café (England/Iceland)
* Beyond Borders (England, Sudan, Cambodia, Chechnya)
* Dirty Pretty Things (London)
* Swades (US/India) ☺
* The Constant Gardener (Kenya)
* Syriana (US/Middle East)

Crime and Punishment

* Out of Sight
* Eastern Promises
* Frozen Water
* A Time to Kill

Science/Technology

* Never Let Me Go
* Gattaca
* Silkwood
* Erin Brokovich

Education

* Freedom Writers ☺
* With Honors ☺
* School Ties

Sports

* The Blind Side ☺
* Race ☺
* Lagaan ☺ (Bollywood!—sports + singing and dancing)