

The United States of Hollywood: DVDs in Class Portable Library				
FILM	YEAR	DIRECTOR	ACTORS	POLITICAL CONNECTION/ISSUE
ABE LINCOLN IN ILLINOIS	1940	John Cromwell	Raymond Massey, Gene Lockhart, Ruth Gordon, Mary Howard	Bio-pic of Lincoln in years before he became President, adapted by Robert Sherwood from his Pulitzer Prize-winning play
ABSOLUTE POWER	1997	Clint Eastwood	Clint Eastwood, Gene Hackman, Ed Harris, Laura Linney, Scott Glenn	A career thief witnesses a horrific crime involving the US President
ADA	1961	Daniel Mann	Susan Hayward, Dean Martin, Wilfred Hyde-White, Ralph Meeker	Man's run for governor goes as planned until he's set up with a hooker named Ada
ADAM'S RIB	1949	George Cukor	Spencer Tracy, Katharine Hepburn, Judy Holliday, Tom Ewell	Women's rights are examined when husband & wife are opposing lawyers in trial of woman who shot her husband
ADVENTURES ON THE NEW FRONTIER	1961	Robert Drew	President John F. Kennedy, Robert F. Kennedy	Cameras follow JFK during the start of his presidency; Drew's follow-up documentary to PRIMARY
ADVISE & CONSENT	1962	Otto Preminger	Henry Fonda, Franchot Tone, Charles Laughton, Gene Tierney	US Senate investigates President's nominee for Secretary of State & dangerous secrets from the past are exposed
AIR FORCE ONE	1997	Wolfgang Petersen	Harrison Ford, Gary Oldman, Glenn Close, Wendy Crewson	Hijackers seize the plane carrying the President & his family, but he works from hiding to defeat them
ALL THE KING'S MEN	1949	Robert Rossen	Broderick Crawford, John Ireland, Joanne Dru, Mercedes McCambridge	Rise & fall of corrupt politician (based on Huey Long of LA) who makes his friends richer & retains power thru populist control
AMERICAN DREAMZ	2006	Paul Weitz	Hugh Grant, Dennis Quaid, Mandy Moore, Willem Dafoe, Chris Klein	US President signs up as judge for explosive season finale of popular TV singing contest to boost his deepening depression
AMERICAN MADNESS	1932	Frank Capra	Walter Huston, Pat O'Brien, Kay Johnson, Constance Cummings	Depression-era banker faces pressure from board of directors to merge with trust company & resign
ARGO	2012	Ben Affleck	Ben Affleck, Bryan Cranston, John Goodman, Alan Arkin, Victor Garber	A CIA agent tries to rescue 6 Americans being held in Tehran during the US hostage crisis in Iran in 1980
THE BEST YEARS OF OUR LIVES	1946	William Wyler	Fredric March, Dana Andrews, Myrna Loy, Teresa Wright, Harold Russell	3 WWII veterans return home to small-town America to discover that they & their families have been irrevocably changed
THE BIRTH OF A NATION	1915	D.W. Griffith	Lillian Gish, Mae Marsh, Henry B. Walthall, Miriam Cooper	Griffith's silent film about the Civil War & the conspiracies & schemes of the carpetbaggers & government that follow
BLOW OUT	1981	Brian De Palma	John Travolta, Nancy Allen, John Lithgow, Dennis Franz	Movie sound recordist accidentally records noises of "accident" that kills potential presidential candidate
BOOMERANG!	1947	Elia Kazan	Dana Andrews, Jane Wyatt, Lee J. Cobb, Cara Williams, Arthur Kennedy	True story of prosecutor's fight to prove the innocence of a man accused of a notorious murder
BORN ON THE FOURTH OF JULY	1989	Oliver Stone	Tom Cruise, Raymond J. Barry, Caroline Kava, Josh Evans	Bio-pic of Ron Kovic, paralyzed in the Vietnam War, who becomes an anti-war & pro-human rights political activist
BORN YESTERDAY	1950	George Cukor	Judy Holliday, William Holden, Broderick Crawford, Howard St. John	Million-dollar tycoon hires reporter working on articles about Washington politics to tutor his ditzy ex-chorus girl mistress
THE BOSS	1956	Byron Haskin	John Payne, William Bishop, Gloria McGehee, Doe Avedon	Political corruption is depicted as a ruthless WWII vet takes control of the state with the help of a crooked lawyer
BULWORTH	1998	Warren Beatty	Warren Beatty, Halle Berry, Kimberly Deauna Adams, Vinny Argiro	Delusional liberal politician puts contract out on himself & then becomes honest with his constituency thru use of hip-hop music

BURY MY HEART AT WOUNDED KNEE	2007	Yves Simoneau	Aidan Quinn, Adam Beach, August Schellenberg, Anna Paquin	Chronicle of how Native Americans were displaced as the US expanded west; based on book by Dee Brown
CSA: THE CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA	2004	Kevin Willmott	Greg Kirsch, Renee Patrick, Molly Graham, William Willmott	Mock documentary looks at what USA would be like if South had won Civil War & we became the CSA instead of the USA
THE CAMPAIGN	2012	Jay Roach	Will Ferrell, Zach Galifianakis, Jason Sudeikis, Dylan McDermott	2 CEOs try to gain political influence over their NC district by putting up rival candidate to oust long-term congressman
THE CANDIDATE	1972	Michael Ritchie	Robert Redford, Peter Boyle, Melvyn Douglas, Don Porter, Allen Garfield	A candidate for the US Senate from California has no hope of winning, so he's willing to tweak the establishment
THE CHINA SYNDROME	1979	James Bridges	Jane Fonda, Jack Lemmon, Michael Douglas, Scott Brady, Peter Donat	A reporter finds what appears to be a cover-up of safety hazards at a nuclear power plant
CHINATOWN	1974	Roman Polanski	Jack Nicholson, Faye Dunaway, John Huston, Perry Lopez, John Hillerman	A private detective hired to expose an adulterer gets caught up in a web of political deceit, corruption & murder
CITIZEN KANE	1941	Orson Welles	Orson Welles, Joseph Cotton, Dorothy Comingore, Agnes Moorehead	Mogul Kane uses his newspapers to influence world history & politics
THE CONTENDER	2000	Rod Lurie	Joan Allen, Gary Oldman, Jeff Bridges, Christian Slater, Sam Elliott	Sexy secrets from a woman's past come to light as she runs for Vice President
THE CONVERSATION	1974	Francis Ford Coppola	Gene Hackman, John Cazale, Allen Garfield, Cindy Williams	A paranoid surveillance expert has a crisis of conscience when he suspects the couple he's spying on will be murdered
CRISIS: BEHIND A PRESIDENTIAL COMMITMENT	1963	Robert Drew	John F. Kennedy, George Wallace, Robert F. Kennedy, James Hood	Gov. Wallace will not let 2 black students into an Alabama school, going against the wishes of Pres. Kennedy; documentary short
DICK	1999	Andrew Fleming	Kirsten Dunst, Michelle Williams, Dan Hedaya, Will Ferrell, Teri Garr	Story of 2 girls who wander away from a White House tour & meet President Nixon
THE DISTINGUISHED GENTLEMAN	1992	Jonathan Lynn	Eddie Murphy, Lane Smith, Sheryl Lee Ralph, Joe Don Baker	A Florida con man uses death of longtime Congressman from his district (whose name he shares) to get elected to Congress
DR. STRANGELOVE	1964	Stanley Kubrick	Peter Sellers, George C. Scott, Sterling Hayden, Keenan Wynn, Slim Pickens	An insane general triggers a path to nuclear holocaust that politicians & generals in the war room frantically try to stop
DUCK SOUP	1933	Leo McCarey	4 Marx Brothers, Margaret Dumont, Raquel Torres, Louis Calhern	Groucho is named president of bankrupt Freedonia & declares war on neighboring Sylvania over the love of wealthy Dumont
ELECTION	1999	Alexander Payne	Matthew Broderick, Reese Witherspoon, Chris Klein	A high school teacher's personal life becomes complicated as he works with students during the high school elections
A FACE IN THE CROWD	1957	Elia Kazan	Andy Griffith, Patricia Neal, Anthony Franciosa, Walter Matthau	An Arkansas hobo who's an overnight media sensation becomes drunk with fame & uses it to gain political power
FACES OF NOVEMBER	1964	Robert Drew	Lyndon Johnson; Jacqueline, Caroline & John Kennedy Jr.	Documentary short that examines reactions to President Kennedy's death
FAHRENHEIT 9/11	2004	Michael Moore	Michael Moore, George W. Bush, Ben Affleck, Stevie Wonder	Moore's documentary on his view of what happened to the US after September 11 & how Bush used event to push war agenda
FAIL-SAFE	1964	Sidney Lumet	Henry Fonda, Walter Matthau, Fritz Weaver, Dan O'Herlihy	Due to a malfunction, American aircraft are sent to deliver a nuclear attack on Moscow
THE FARMER'S DAUGHTER	1947	H.C. Potter	Loretta Young, Joseph Cotton, Ethel Barrymore, Charles Bickford	Young won an Oscar as Katie Holstrom who leaves the farm, enters domestic service & encounters romance & politics
FIRST DAUGHTER	2004	Forest Whitaker	Katie Holmes, Marc Blucas, Michael Keaton, Margaret Colin, Ameriie	The 1st daughter of the US President heads off to college where she falls for a graduate student with a secret agenda

THE FOG OF WAR	2003	Errol Morris	Robert McNamara, John F. Kennedy, Fidel Castro, Richard Nixon	Documentary in which the former US Secretary of Defense discusses the difficult lessons he learned about modern warfare
FOUR DAYS IN NOVEMBER	1964	Mel Stuart	Richard Basehart, John Brewer, Raymond Buck, John Connally	Documentary that chronicles the nation's shock & sorrow when President John F. Kennedy is assassinated
GABRIEL OVER THE WHITE HOUSE	1933	Gregory LaCava	Walter Huston, Karen Morley, Franchot Tone, Dickie Moore	A political hack becomes President during the height of the Depression & undergoes a metamorphosis after an accident
GAME CHANGE	2012	Jay Roach	Ed Harris, Julianne Moore, Woody Harrelson, Peter MacNicol	Follows John McCain's 2008 presidential campaign from his selection of Alaska Governor Sarah Palin as his running mate
THE GANG'S ALL HERE	1943	Busby Berkeley	Alice Faye, Carmen Miranda, Phil Baker, Benny Goodman & Orchestra	Musical comedy about a soldier who falls for a chorus girl & then has trouble because he is posted to the Pacific
THE GLASS KEY	1942	Stuart Heisler	Alan Ladd, Veronica Lake, Brian Donlevy, Bonita Granville	While campaigning for reelection, a crooked politician gets mixed up with gangsters
THE GORGEOUS HUSSY	1936	Clarence Brown	Joan Crawford, Robert Taylor, Lionel Barrymore, Franchot Tone	President Andrew Jackson's friendship with an innkeeper's daughter spells trouble for them both
THE GRAPES OF WRATH	1940	John Ford	Henry Fonda, Jane Darwell, John Carradine, Charley Grapewin	Poor midwest family is forced off their land, travels to California & suffers the misfortunes of the homeless during the Depression
THE GREAT DICTATOR	1940	Charles Chaplin	Charles Chaplin, Paulette Goddard, Jack Oakie, Reginald Gardiner	Dictator Adenoid Hynkel tries to expand his empire while a poor Jewish barber tries to avoid persecution from Hynkel's regime
THE GREAT MCGINTY	1940	Preston Sturges	Brian Donlevy, Muriel Angelus, Akim Tamiroff, William Demarest	Dan McGinty has great success in his chosen field of crooked politics but endangers it all in one crazy moment of honesty
HAIL THE CONQUERING HERO	1944	Preston Sturges	Eddie Bracken, Ella Raines, Raymond Walburn, William Demarest	A would-be Marine who's 4F fakes a heroic career & returns to his small town where he ends up unwillingly running for mayor
HEROES FOR SALE	1933	William A. Wellman	Loretta Young, Richard Barthelmess, Aline MacMahon, Gordon Westcott	The story of Tom Holmes --- a man of principles --- from the Great War to the Great Depression: will he ever get a break?
THE HOWARDS OF VIRGINIA	1940	Frank Lloyd	Cary Grant, Martha Scott, Cedric Hardwicke, Richard Carlson	Early American colonial period melodrama dealing with events leading up to & through the Revolutionary War
THE HURT LOCKER	2008	Kathryn Bigelow	Jeremy Renner, Anthony Mackie, Guy Pearce, Ralph Fiennes, David Morse	During the Iraq War, a sergeant assigned to a bomb squad is put at odds with his mates because of his maverick way of working
I AM A FUGITIVE FROM A CHAIN GANG	1932	Mervyn LeRoy	Paul Muni, Glenda Farrell, Helen Vinson, Noel Francis, Preston Foster	Wrongly convicted man serves in the intolerable conditions of a southern chain gang, which later comes back to haunt him
THE IDES OF MARCH	2011	George Clooney	Paul Giamatti, George Clooney, Philip Seymour Hoffman, Ryan Gosling	An idealistic staffer for a presidential candidate gets a crash course on dirty politics during his stint on the campaign trail
IN THE LINE OF FIRE	1993	Wolfgang Petersen	Clint Eastwood, John Malkovich, Rene Russo, Dylan McDermott	A Secret Service agent who couldn't save Kennedy is determined not to let a clever assassin take out this president
INDEPENDENCE DAY	1996	Roland Emmerich	Will Smith, Bill Pullman, Jeff Goldblum, Mary McDonnell	Retread of 1950s sci-fi films finds US President looking on as an alien mother ship dispatches saucers to hover above earth's cities
J. EDGAR	2011	Clint Eastwood	Leonardo DiCaprio, Armie Hammer, Naomi Watts, Josh Hamilton	J. Edgar Hoover, powerful head of the FBI for nearly 50 years, looks back on his professional & personal life
JFK	1991	Oliver Stone	Kevin Costner, Gary Oldman, Jack Lemmon, Walter Matthau	A New Orleans district attorney discovers there's more to the Kennedy assassination than the official story
KISSES FOR MY PRESIDENT	1964	Curtis Bernhardt	Fred MacMurray, Polly Bergen, Eli Wallach, Arlene Dahl	When the 1st female US president is elected & takes office, her husband must take over the job of the First Lady

THE LAST HURRAH	1958	John Ford	Spencer Tracy, Jeffrey Hunter, Dianne Foster, Pat O'Brien, Basil Rathbone	An old Irish-American political boss runs for re-election as mayor of a US town for the last time
LINCOLN	2012	Steven Spielberg	Daniel Day-Lewis, Sally Field, David Strathairn, Joseph Gordon-Levitt	As the Civil War rages, the President struggles with carnage on the battlefield & with his cabinet over emancipating the slaves
LIONS FOR LAMBS	2007	Robert Redford	Tom Cruise, Meryl Streep, Robert Redford, Andrew Garfield	2 injured Army rangers behind enemy lines in Afghanistan set off events involving a congressman, a journalist & a professor
MALCOLM X	1992	Spike Lee	Denzel Washington, Angela Bassett, Delroy Lindo, Spike Lee, Albert Hall	Lee's bio-pic of the controversial & influential Black Nationalist leader
THE MAN WHO SHOT LIBERTY VALANCE	1962	John Ford	James Stewart, John Wayne, Vera Miles, Lee Marvin, Edmond O'Brien	A senator, who became famous for killing a notorious outlaw, returns for the funeral of an old friend & tells the truth about it
THE MANCHURIAN CANDIDATE	1962	John Frankenheimer	Frank Sinatra, Laurence Harvey, Janet Leigh, Angela Lansbury, Henry Silva	A former Korean POW is brainwashed by Communists into becoming a political assassin
MEDIUM COOL	1969	Haskell Wexler	Robert Forster, Verna Bloom, Peter Bonerz, Marianna Hill	A TV news reporter becomes personally involved in the violence that erupts around the 1968 Democratic National Convention
MEET JOHN DOE	1941	Frank Capra	Gary Cooper, Barbara Stanwyck, Edward Arnold, Walter Brennan	Man agrees to impersonate a nonexistent person who said he'd commit suicide as a protest & a political movement begins
MILK	2008	Gus Van Sant	Sean Penn, Josh Brolin, Emile Hirsch, Diego Luna, James Franco, Alison Pill	Story of Harvey Milk's struggles as a gay activist who fought for gay rights & became CA's 1st openly gay elected official
MISSION TO MOSCOW	1943	Michael Curtiz	Walter Huston, Ann Harding, Oskar Homolka, George Tobias	Ambassador Joseph Davies is sent by FDR to Russia to learn about the Soviet system
MR. DEEDS GOES TO TOWN	1936	Frank Capra	Gary Cooper, Jean Arthur, George Bancroft, Lionel Stander	A simple Vermont tuba player inherits a fortune & has to contend with city slickers when he tries to give his money away
MR. SMITH GOES TO WASHINGTON	1939	Frank Capra	James Stewart, Jean Arthur, Claude Rains, Edward Arnold, Guy Kibbee	Naïve man is chosen to fill vacancy in US Senate, but his plans collide with political corruption
NETWORK	1976	Sidney Lumet	Faye Dunaway, William Holden, Peter Finch, Robert Duvall, Wesley Addy	A TV network cynically exploits a deranged former anchor's ravings & revelations about the news media for its own profit
NIXON	1995	Oliver Stone	Anthony Hopkins, Joan Allen, Powers Boothe, Ed Harris, Bob Hoskins	Bio-pic of former President Richard Milhous Nixon from his boyhood to his eventual presidency, which ended in shame
ON THE BEACH	1959	Stanley Kramer	Gregory Peck, Ava Gardner, Fred Astaire, Anthony Perkins	After a global nuclear war, residents of Australia must come to terms with the fact that all life will end in a few months
ON THE WATERFRONT	1954	Elia Kazan	Marlon Brando, Karl Malden, Lee J. Cobb, Eva Marie Saint, Rod Steiger	Ex-prizefighter turned longshoreman tries to stand up to corrupt union bosses
OUR DAILY BREAD	1934	King Vidor	Karen Morley, Tom Keene, Barbara Pepper, Addison Richards	A group of down-on-their-luck workers combine their abilities to create a commune --- & bread!
PATRIOT GAMES	1992	Phillip Noyce	Harrison Ford, Sean Bean, Anne Archer, Patrick Bergin, Thora Birch	When CIA analyst Jack Ryan interferes with an IRA assassination, a renegade faction targets him & his family for revenge
PRIMARY	1960	Robert Drew	Robert Drew, Hubert H. Humphrey, John F. Kennedy, Jacqueline Kennedy	Cinema verite documentary follows presidential hopefuls Kennedy & Humphrey during the 1960 Wisconsin primary
PRIMARY COLORS	1998	Mike Nichols	John Travolta, Emma Thompson, Kathy Bates, Larry Hagman	A man joins the political campaign of a smooth-operator candidate for president of the US (based on Bill Clinton?)
PT 109	1963	Leslie H. Martinson	Cliff Robertson, Robert Culp, Ty Hardin, James Gregory	Dramatization of President John F. Kennedy's wartime (WWII) experiences, during which he captained a PT boat

SALT OF THE EARTH	1954	Herbert J. Biberman	Juan Chacon, Rosaura Revueltas, Will Geer, David Wolfe, Mervin Williams	Mexican-American workers in zinc mine & their wives fight for equality
THE SEDUCTION OF JOE TYNNAN	1979	Jerry Schatzberg	Alan Alda, Barbara Harris, Meryl Streep, Rip Torn, Melvyn Douglas	A respected liberal senator is asked to lead the opposition to a Supreme Court appointment; will he stand by his principles?
SEVEN DAYS IN MAY	1964	John Frankenheimer	Burt Lancaster, Kirk Douglas, Fredric March, Ava Gardner, Edmond O'Brien	US military leaders plot to overthrow the President because he supports a nuclear disarmament treaty & they fear the Soviets
1776	1972	Peter H. Hunt	William Daniels, Howard Da Silva, Ken Howard, Blythe Danner	Musical retelling of the American Revolution's political struggle in the Continental Congress to declare independence
SPEECHLESS	1994	Ron Underwood	Michael Keaton, Geena Davis, Christopher Reeve, Bonnie Bedelia	2 political speechwriters fall in love before they find out they are working for candidates on opposite sides
STATE OF THE UNION	1948	Frank Capra	Spencer Tracy, Katharine Hepburn, Van Johnson, Angela Lansbury	An industrialist is urged to run for president, but this requires uncomfortable compromises on both political & marital levels
STRANGERS ON A TRAIN	1951	Alfred Hitchcock	Farley Granger, Robert Walker, Ruth Roman, Patricia Hitchcock	A psychopath confronts a pro tennis star with a theory on how 2 strangers can get away with murder; set in Washington D.C.
SUNRISE AT CAMPOBELLO	1960	Vincent J. Donehue	Ralph Bellamy, Greer Garson, Hume Cronyn, Jean Hagen, Ann Shoemaker	Story of Franklin Roosevelt's bout with polio at age 40 in 1921 & how his family, especially wife Eleanor, copes with his illness
SYRIANA	2005	Stephen Gaghan	George Clooney, Matt Damon, Amanda Peet, Christopher Plummer	A politically-charged tale about the state of the oil industry in the hands of those personally involved & affected by it
TENNESSEE JOHNSON	1942	William Dieterle	Van Heflin, Lionel Barrymore, Ruth Hussey, Marjorie Main, Regis Toomey	Bio-pic of Andrew Johnson from his 1st arrival in Tennessee to his rise to President of the US
THREE DAYS OF THE CONDOR	1975	Sydney Pollack	Robert Redford, Faye Dunaway, Cliff Robertson, Max von Sydow	A bookish CIA researcher finds all his co-workers dead & must ouwit those responsible until he figures out who he can trust
TRUE COLORS	1991	Herbert Ross	John Cusack, James Spader, Imogen Stubbs, Richard Widmark	Best friends from law school to election night, their friendship is sorely tested when one learns of another's political betrayal
W.	2008	Oliver Stone	Josh Brolin, Elizabeth Banks, Ioan Gruffudd, Colin Hanks, Toby Jones	Bio-pic tells story of life & presidency of George W. Bush
WAG THE DOG	1997	Barry Levinson	Dustin Hoffman, Robert De Niro, Anne Heche, Willie Nelson	Shortly before an election, a spin-doctor & a Hollywood producer fabricate a war to cover up a presidential sex scandal
THE WASHINGTON MASQUERADE	1932	Charles Brabin	Lionel Barrymore, Karen Morley, Diane Sinclair, Nils Asther	A crusading attorney from the sticks wins election as Senator; can an honest man keep his integrity intact in Washington D.C.?
WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND	1932	James Cruze	Lee Tracy, Constance Cummings, Walter Connolly, Alan Dinehart	A freshman Congressman on a mission to rid Washington of corruption runs afoul of a powerful Ssenator & falls in love
THE WAY WE WERE	1973	Sydney Pollack	Barbra Streisand, Robert Redford, Bradford Dillman, Lois Chiles	2 desperate people have a wonderful romance but their political views & convictions drive them apart
WILSON	1944	Henry King	Alexander Knox, Charles Coburn, Geraldine Fitzgerald, Thomas Mitchell	Bio-pic that chronicles the political career of US President Woodrow Wilson, who championed the League of Nations
YOUNG MR. LINCOLN	1939	John Ford	Henry Fonda, Alice Brady, Marjorie Weaver, Arleen Whelan, Eddie Collins	Fictionalized account of the early life of the American president as a young lawyer facing his greatest court case