

Dear Parents,

I would like your permission to show the academy award winning movie *The King's Speech* to my Speech students. It is a period picture which recounts the life of King George and his interactions with Winston Churchill as they attempt to gain aid from America during WWII. The king of course was known to have a truly horrible time speaking in front of others, so the movie recounts his struggle to "make it through" his speeches. This film entails the true story and historical account of a very realistically depicted "fear of public speaking." The movie was given an "R" rating solely due to the use of profanity (which manifests as part of the King's stuttering disorder). We successfully used this movie with last year's speech class, and my students found it to be extremely relevant and helpful. None of them reported being offended by the "bad words" that the King uses only sporadically as a side effect of his speech impediment. For a myriad of reasons, I believe this is a valuable movie for my students to watch and that its merits outweigh the occasional curse word; however, due to the "R" rating for profanity, I do want to make sure that everyone is comfortable with this. Please let me know your preferences, and if you would rather your child not watch the movie, I certainly understand and will be sure to **discreetly** find another activity for your child to complete on the day for which I plan the movie. We will likely not watch this film for several months; however, I wanted to give all of you time to watch the movie yourselves if so desired and/or read reviews so that you could consider its use in class from an informed position at your own leisure. Thank you so much for taking the time to make this consideration. If you are comfortable signing the permission slip, please have your child bring it signed by the first week in October.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Norris

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Child's printed name _____
Name _____

Parent's Printed

I, _____, give my permission for my child, _____,
to watch the movie *The King's Speech* in Mrs. Norris' Speech Introduction Class.

Parent Signature

Date