PARENTAL PERMISSION RELEASE FORM FOR INSTRUCTIONAL USE OF DVD/VIDEOTAPE U.S. HISTORY

At times during the course of study of United States History, Mr. Bordas and I have found it beneficial to incorporate dvd/video in an attempt to better convey the events described in the textbook and discussed during lectures. We have reached one of those points in the semester.

Our classes recently completed the study of the Civil War/Reconstruction period in United States History. A significant event during this time period was the creation of the 54th Massachusetts, an all-black infantry unit. The ability of the 54th Massachusetts to overcome prejudice and injustice in the fight for freedom is often regarded as one of the most moving stories in the history of the United States.

With this in mind, our plans include viewing excerpts of the dvd/video *Glory*. The film is property of the Cambridge High School Media Center. We, along with many of our colleagues, have found this film to be an excellent tool in presenting an accurate portrayal of life in the United States during the 19th century. While the film does contain some graphic battle scenes and some strong language, past experience indicates that high school juniors and seniors possess the degree of maturity necessary to deal with the footage.

However, we would like to leave that decision to you. Please indicate below whether you grant or deny your son or daughter permission to view excerpts of *Glory* in class. Should you prefer your son or daughter not view segments of the video, be assured that an appropriate, alternative assessment will be offered.

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Student name (printed)	Student name (signature)	
Parent name (printed)	Parent name (signature)	Date
YES (I grant permis	ssion)	
NO (I do not grant)	permission). I request an alternati	ive assignment.