

Films for Essay II

Artists

- American Splendor* 2003 (Comic book artist Harvey Pekar; innovative, acclaimed film)
Frida 2002 (Frida Kahlo)
Pollock 2000 (Jackson Pollock; dir. by and starring Ed Harris)
Artemisia 1997 (Artemisia Gentilleschi)
Vincent & Theo 1990 (Vincent Van Gogh & brother Theo; dir. Robert Altman)
Lust for Life 1956 (Vincent Van Gogh)
Surviving Picasso 1996 (Picasso viewed through the lens of his relationships with women; a Merchant/Ivory film)
Camille Claudel 1989 (sculptor; student and lover of Rodin)
Sunday in the Park with George (pointillist painter Georges Seurat) (a video of a musical play)

Composers/Musicians/Dancers

- Hilary and Jackie* 1994 (cellist Jacqueline du Près and her sister)
32 Short Films about Glenn Gould 1994 (pianist Glenn Gould)
Amadeus 1984 (Mozart and his contemporary, Salieri; dir. Milos Forman)
Immortal Beloved 1994 (Beethoven, played by Gary Oldman; with Isabella Rossellini)
Round Midnight 1986 (fictional bebop saxophonist Dale Turner, a composite of two real jazzmen, played by saxophonist Dexter Gordon; dir. Bertrand Tavernier)
Bird 1988 (Dir. Clint Eastwood's tribute to saxophone great Charlie Parker, played by Forest Whittaker)
Shine 1996 (Geoffrey Rush's Oscar for playing Australian pianist David Helfgott, who struggled with mental illness)
De-Lovely 2004 (Songwriter Cole Porter; Kevin Kline stars)
Isadora 1968 (modern dancer Isadora Duncan; Vanessa Redgrave stars)
All That Jazz 1979 (choreographer/director Bob Fosse; directed by Fosse, starring Roy Scheider and Anne Reinking)
Lady Sings the Blues 1972 (Diana Ross plays Billie Holliday)
Sweet Dreams 1985 (Country western singer Patsy Cline, played by Jessica Lange)
Coal Miner's Daughter 1980 (Country western singer Loretta Lynn, played by Sissy Spacek; with Tommy Lee Jones)

Writers

- Sylvia* 2003 (poet Sylvia Plath, played by Gwyneth Paltrow)
The Hours 2002 (Virginia Woolf, as mediated by Michael Cunningham's recent novel))
Shakespeare in Love 1998
Angel at My Table 1992 (Janet Frame)
Impromptu 1990 (19th-C. French writer Georges Sand and her lover, Frederic Chopin)
Henry and June 1990 (Henry Miller and Anaïs Nin)
Stevie 1978 (English poet Stevie Smith; stars Glenda Jackson)
Hans Christian Andersen 1952 (the fairy-tale writer, played by Danny Kaye; musical)

Math/Science/Technology

- A Beautiful Mind* 2001 (mathematician John Nash, played by Russell Crowe)
Galileo 1974 (Dir. Joseph Losey, based on Brecht's play; large British cast)
Madame Curie 1943 (MGM; stars Greer Garson)
Edison, the Man 1940 (Spencer Tracy stars)
Young Tom Edison 1940 (Mickey Rooney stars)
Tucker: The Man and His Dream 1988 (automotive visionary Preston Tucker; dir. Francis Ford Coppola, Jeff Bridges stars)
The Alexander Graham Bell Story 1939 (stars Don Ameche and Henry Fonda)
The Story of Louis Pasteur 1936