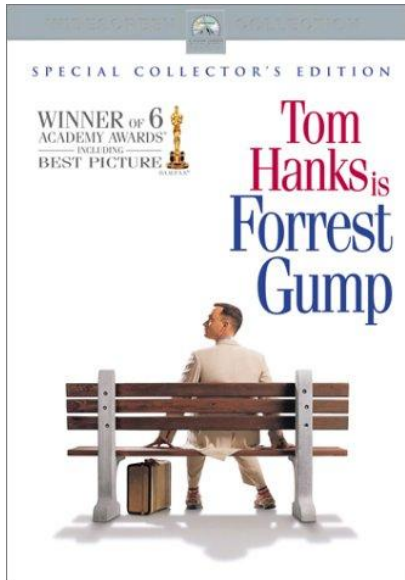


# History According to Gump

## *Historical References*

### An Optional Assignment

This project is designed to demonstrate your ability to recognize and identify historical references in a dramatic setting. Your job is simple, on the surface, but it will take some time. Here are the procedures.



1. If you don't already have one, get a copy of *Forrest Gump*, the movie starring Tom Hanks.

2. Watch the movie with a critical eye toward references to historical events and historically significant places and people. Be alert! This movie is packed with references to these things and you have to be sharp to catch some of them. Make note of all of the historical references that you can. Watch the movie more than once, if necessary.

3. Neatly record the historical references that you find, then create a book entitled: "History According to Gump." The book must be the size you get when you fold a standard size piece of paper (5-1/2 x 8-1/2). Be creative in the layout and design of the book. You can

include more than one historical reference on page, just be sure to have the minimum number of references (see below).

4. Make sure the book has an attractive cover and title page that includes your name, date and period. You also need to have an introduction page that explains what the project is all about and how you went about accomplishing it.

5. Turn the project in no later than the Friday before Final Exam week.

Some things to keep in mind:

Your references must be detailed. Vague references will not count. For example: "Forrest teaches a famous guy to dance" would be considered too vague for credit. Acceptably detailed would be: "Elvis Presley stays at the Gump boarding house and inadvertently learns from Forrest how to move his hips in such a way that it becomes his famous trademark move on stage."

You will receive one optional assignment point for each reference you record. However, you *must* have at least 50 references for the project to be considered complete.

Good luck!