

## Films You Should Watch

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1. Edwin S. Porter, *Life of an American Fireman* (1903)
2. Edwin S. Porter, *The Great Train Robbery* (1903)
3. D. W. Griffith, *The Birth of a Nation* (1915)
4. Erich von Stroheim, *Greed* (1924)
5. Raoul Walsh, *The Thief of Bagdad* (1924)
6. F. W. Murnau, *Sunrise* (1927)
7. Buster Keaton and Clyde Bruckman, *The General* (1927)
8. Alan Crosland, *The Jazz Singer* (1927)
9. Tod Browning, *Freaks* (1932)
10. Howard Hawks, *Scarface* (1932)
11. Frank Capra, *It Happened One Night* (1934)
12. Sam Wood, *A Night at the Opera* (1935)
13. Charlie Chaplin, *Modern Times* (1936)
14. Walt Disney, *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs* (1937)
15. Victor Fleming, *Gone with the Wind* (1939)
16. Frank Capra, *Mr. Smith Goes to Washington* (1939)
17. Victor Fleming, *The Wizard of Oz* (1939)
18. George Cukor, *The Philadelphia Story* (1940)
19. Norman Taurog, *Broadway Melody of 1940* (1940)
20. Charlie Chaplin, *The Great Dictator* (1940)
21. Orson Welles, *Citizen Kane* (1941)
22. John Huston, *The Maltese Falcon* (1941)
23. Michael Curtiz, *Casablanca* (1942)
24. Ernst Lubitsch, *To Be or Not to Be* (1942)
25. Billy Wilder, *Double Indemnity* (1944)
26. King Vidor, *Duel in the Sun* (1946)
27. Howard Hawks, *The Big Sleep* (1946)
28. Frank Capra, *It's a Wonderful Life* (1946)
29. Joseph L. Mankiewicz, *All About Eve* (1950)
30. Billy Wilder, *Sunset Boulevard* (1950)

31. Fred Zinnemann, *High Noon* (1952)
32. Gene Kelly and Stanley Donen, *Singin' in the Rain* (1952)
33. Elia Kazan, *On the Waterfront* (1954)
34. Alfred Hitchcock, *Rear Window* (1954)
35. Nicholas Ray, *Rebel Without a Cause* (1955)
36. Don Siegel, *Invasion of the Body Snatchers* (1956)
37. John Ford, *The Searchers* (1956)
38. Richard Thorpe, *Jailhouse Rock* (1957)
39. Stanley Kramer, *The Defiant Ones* (1958)
40. Alfred Hitchcock, *Vertigo* (1958)
41. William Wyler, *Ben Hur* (1959)
42. Douglas Sirk, *Imitation of Life* (1959)
43. Billy Wilder, *Some Like It Hot* (1959)
44. Alfred Hitchcock, *Psycho* (1960)
45. Blake Edwards, *Breakfast at Tiffany's* (1961)
46. Robert Wise and Jerome Robbins, *West Side Story* (1961)
47. John Frankenheimer, *The Manchurian Candidate* (1962)
48. John Ford, *The Man Who Shot Liberty Valance* (1962)
49. Stanley Kubrick, *Dr. Strangelove* (1964)
50. Robert Wise, *The Sound of Music* (1965)
51. Arthur Penn, *Bonnie and Clyde* (1967)
52. Stanley Kramer, *Guess Who's Coming to Dinner* (1967)
53. Norman Jewison, *In the Heat of the Night* (1967)
54. Mike Nichols, *The Graduate* (1967)
55. Roman Polanski, *Rosemary's Baby* (1968)
56. George A. Romero, *Night of the Living Dead* (1968)
57. Stanley Kubrick, *2001: A Space Odyssey* (1968)
58. Dennis Hopper, *Easy Rider* (1969)
59. Sam Peckinpah, *The Wild Bunch* (1969)
60. Gordon Parks, *Shaft's Big Score!* (1972)
61. Francis Ford Coppola, *The Godfather* (1972), *The Godfather Part II* (1974)
62. George Lucas, *American Graffiti* (1973)
63. Terrence Malick, *Badlands* (1973)

64. Roman Polanski, *Chinatown* (1974)
65. Steven Spielberg, *Jaws* (1975)
66. Miloš Forman, *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest* (1975)
67. Jim Sharman, *The Rocky Horror Picture Show* (1975)
68. John G. Avildsen, *Rocky* (1976)
69. John Schlesinger, *Marathon Man* (1976)
70. Martin Scorsese, *Taxi Driver* (1976)
71. Woody Allen, *Annie Hall* (1977)
72. George Lucas, *Star Wars: Episode IV – A New Hope* (1977)
73. John Badham, *Saturday Night Fever* (1977)
74. Michael Cimino, *The Deer Hunter* (1978)
75. Ridley Scott, *Alien* (1979)
76. Martin Scorsese, *Raging Bull* (1980)
77. Stanley Kubrick, *The Shining* (1980)
78. Ridley Scott, *Blade Runner* (1982)
79. Steven Spielberg, *E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial* (1982)
80. Ted Kotcheff, *First Blood* (1982)
81. James Cameron, *The Terminator* (1984)
82. Martin Brest, *Beverly Hills Cop* (1984)
83. Robert Zemeckis, *Back to the Future* (1985)
84. John Hughes, *The Breakfast Club* (1985)
85. Tony Scott, *Top Gun* (1986)
86. Oliver Stone, *Platoon* (1986)
87. Emile Ardolino, *Dirty Dancing* (1987)
88. Oliver Stone, *Wall Street* (1987)
89. Spike Lee, *Do the Right Thing* (1989)
90. Steven Soderbergh, *Sex, Lies, and Videotape* (1989)
91. Kevin Costner, *Dances with Wolves* (1990)
92. Tim Burton, *Edward Scissorhands* (1990)
93. Jonathan Demme, *The Silence of the Lambs* (1991)
94. Jim Jarmusch, *Night on Earth* (1991)
95. John Singleton, *Boyz n the Hood* (1991)
96. Ridley Scott, *Thelma & Louise* (1991)

97. Clint Eastwood, *Unforgiven* (1992)
98. Steven Spielberg, *Schindler's List* (1993)
99. Quentin Tarantino, *Pulp Fiction* (1994)
100. Robert Zemeckis, *Forrest Gump* (1994)
101. Rob Minkoff and Roger Allers, *The Lion King* (1994)
102. John Lasseter, *Toy Story* (1995)
103. Roland Emmerich, *Independence Day* (1996)
104. James Cameron, *Titanic* (1997)
105. Steven Spielberg, *Saving Private Ryan* (1998)
106. Ethan Coen and Joel Coen, *The Big Lebowski* (1998)
107. Andrew Lazar, *10 Things I Hate About You* (1999)
108. Lana Wachowski and Lilly Wachowski, *The Matrix* (1999)
109. David Fincher, *Fight Club* (1999)
110. Sam Mendes, *American Beauty* (1999)
111. Spike Jonze, *Being John Malkovich* (1999)
112. George Lucas, *Star Wars Episode I: The Phantom Menace* (1999)
113. David Lynch, *Mulholland Drive* (2001)
114. Peter Jackson, *The Lord of the Rings* (2001), II (2002), III (2003)
115. Wes Anderson, *The Royal Tenenbaums* (2001)
116. Sofia Coppola, *Lost in Translation* (2003)
117. Paul Haggis, *L.A. Crash* (2004)
118. Roland Emmerich, *The Day After Tomorrow* (2004)
119. Frank Miller and Robert Rodriguez, *Sin City* (2005)
120. David Cronenberg, *A History of Violence* (2005)
121. Ang Lee, *Brokeback Mountain* (2005)
122. Martin Scorsese, *The Departed* (2006)
123. Martin Campbell, *James Bond 007: Casino Royale* (2006)
124. Ethan Coen and Joel Coen, *No Country for Old Men* (2007)
125. Christopher Nolan, *The Dark Knight* (2008)
126. Kathryn Bigelow, *The Hurt Locker* (2008)
127. James Cameron, *Avatar* (2009)
128. Quentin Tarantino, *Inglourious Basterds* (2009)
129. Joss Whedon, *Marvel's The Avengers* (2012)

130. Alfonso Cuarón, *Gravity* (2013)
131. Jennifer Lee and Chris Buck, *Frozen* (2013)
132. Alejandro G. Iñárritu, *The Revenant* (2015)
133. Barry Jenkins, *Moonlight* (2016)
134. Damien Chazelle, *La La Land* (2016)
135. Nate Parker, *The Birth of a Nation* (2016)
136. Martin McDonagh, *Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri* (2017)
137. Taylor Sheridan, *Wind River* (2017)
138. Guillermo del Toro, *The Shape of Water* (2017)
139. Jordan Peele, *Get Out* (2017)
140. Patty Jenkins, *Wonder Woman* (2017)
141. Luca Guadagnino, *Call Me by Your Name* (2017)
142. Michelle Schumacher, *I'm Not Here* (2017)
143. Ryan Coogler, *Black Panther* (2018)
144. Spike Lee, *BlacKkKlansman* (2018)
145. John Krasinski, *A Quiet Place* (2018)
146. Amy Pascal, *Little Women* (2019)
147. Melina Matsoukas, *Queen and Slim* (2019)
148. Todd Phillips, *Joker* (2019)
149. Lin-Manuel Miranda, *Hamilton* (2020)
150. Emerald Fennell, *Promising Young Woman* (2020)