Special Topics List (from 2004-05)

“VIOLENCE IN AMERICAN CULTURE”

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1. History of Violence in American Society


2. Racial Violence: An Historical Perspective

A. Lynchings & Slavery


B. Violence against Indigenous Groups


3. Contemporary Expressions of Violence

A. Civil Disorder


B. Gangs


4. Perceptions of Violence in the Media

Film: Natural Born Killers (1994; D: Oliver Stone)


5. Violence in the Private Sphere

Film: The Burning Bed (1984; D: Robert Greenwald)

