

Crossroads

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MOVIES

Do you like watching films? I do. This month and next I'll post a list of ten films I found on the internet, advertised as being the top ten films of all time, but it's pretty subjective I suppose. I'll start with number 10 this month.

I would say this list was compiled by a man, but 'Gone with the Wind' would be considered an out and out romance and therefore more popular with the ladies.

Do you agree with the list? What movies would you include?

#10. Lawrence of Arabia

The story of [T.E. Lawrence](#), the English officer who successfully united and led the diverse, often warring, Arab tribes during World War I in order to fight the Turks.



#9. One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest

McMurphy has a criminal past and has once again gotten himself into trouble and is sentenced by the court. To escape labor duties in prison, McMurphy pleads insanity and is sent to a ward for the mentally unstable. Once here, McMurphy both endures and stands witness to the abuse and degradation of the oppressive Nurse Ratched, who gains superiority and power through the flaws of the inmates. McMurphy and the other inmates band together to make a rebellious stance against the atrocious Nurse.

JACK NICHOLSON
ONE FLEW OVER
THE CUCKOO'S NEST



#8. The Wizard of Oz

Dorothy Gale is swept away from a farm in Kansas to a magical land of Oz in a tornado and embarks on a quest with her new friends to see the Wizard who can help her return home to Kansas and help her friends as well.



#7. Gone with the Wind

A manipulative woman and a roguish man conduct a turbulent romance during the American Civil War and Reconstruction periods.



#6. Citizen Kane

A group of reporters are trying to decipher the last word ever spoken by Charles Foster Kane, the millionaire newspaper tycoon: "Rosebud". The film begins with a news reel detailing Kane's life for the masses, and then from there, we are shown flashbacks from Kane's life. As the reporters investigate further, the viewers see a display of a fascinating man's rise to fame, and how he eventually fell off the top of the world.



I'll complete this list next month with the top five. In the mean time, why don't you try to look at just one of these movies - in English of course!

Article by Kevin

Net News

NET LESSONS: Too busy to come to CROSSROADS?

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Suggestions for free Internet movies: www.cnet.com/how-to/best-free-online-movie-streaming-services-netflix/

Some Thoughts for the Month



Joshua Says: The most gratifying experience we can hope for by offering language services locally is to see our community reach out to the international community to do business or to take holidays. So we will continue our English and other language lessons in earnest. In addition, however, we are also going to offer other language services to businesses wishing to make contacts overseas. Check out the details with Junko if you think your company might be interested in this.

Junko Says: On the 28th of June this year a G20 Summit is going to be held in Osaka. In addition to this top-level meeting, another eight ministerial conferences will be held in various prefectures throughout May. Matsuyama will be hosting one of these conferences for Labor Ministers. I heard that “work in the future,” based on structural changes in population, globalization and the development of technology will be the themes for these talks.



Kevin Says: My students inspire me. We all learn in different ways and of course some excel where others set the bar a bit lower. Myself, I'm a bit Jekyll and Hyde - one moment in love with learning, the next a bit indifferent, sorry to say. So it's the students I see every day who remain motivated and have a great attitude that remind me to try hard at all times. Thanks guys!

Darrin Says: It's finally here. The wait is over. The final countdown has begun. I've bought the tickets and found a hotel to stay in. Now, I just have to wait until kickoff. Do you know what I'm talking about? I'd be surprised if you did. This is the year for the Rugby World Cup and it will be held in Japan later this year. I've got my tickets for a game in Oita between Australia and Uruguay and I can't wait. C'mon Aussies!



Mandey dit: "l'amour dure 3 ans". Voici l'une des croyances les plus célèbres en France. En effet, les français pensent qu'au début de la relation amoureuse, il y a beaucoup d'amour et après la passion diminue petit à petit. Et vous alors? Croyez-vous au grand amour ou bien au petit amour? Bonne Saint-Valentin à tous, ne mangez pas trop de chocolats <3

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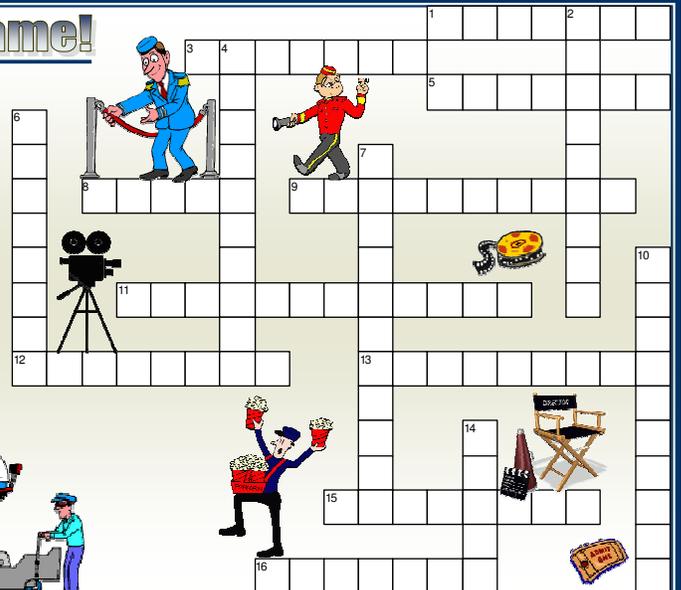
- 1 people confined to prisons or hospitals
- 3 lacking principles or scruples
- 5 many and different
- 8 treat badly
- 9 after a long delay
- 11 skillful in influencing or controlling
- 12 convert code to normal language
- 13 shockingly brutal or cruel
- 15 severe mental illness
- 16 set out on (a trip)

DOWN

- 2 unrest, disorder
- 4 weighing heavily on the senses or spirit
- 6 gather, put together
- 7 a low or downcast state
- 10 to an earlier time
- 14 imperfections

[\(print version here\)](#)

Play A Game!





The Traveler's Log with S(a)3's Taro From Hawaii with Love!

If you travel to Hawaii, I'm convinced that winter is the best season. You can avoid the cold in Japan and enjoy the sunshine. Last month, my wife and I went on our honeymoon to Honolulu for five days. In Hawaii, it was so hot even in January that we could swim in the sea. We stayed at a hotel located in front of Waikiki beach. Many people were swimming and surfing there from the early morning.

It is said that Hawaii is the most popular tourist spot for Japanese. After going there, I understood the reason well. When we got on a shuttle bus from Honolulu airport to the center of the city, the driver gave us guidance in Japanese as well as in English. Many taxi drivers and the hotel staff could understand Japanese well, too. At most restaurants, they have menus in Japanese. I sometimes forgot we were in a foreign country.



The day after our arrival, we got up at 5:00 in the morning and climbed up Diamond Head mountain. It was hard but the view from the top of the mountain was so magnificent and worth seeing.

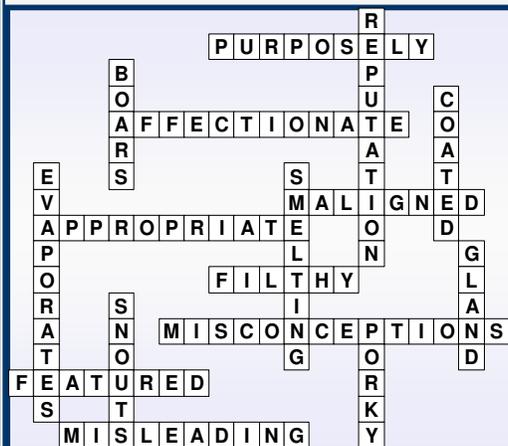
Of course, the Hawaiian sea was also brilliant. We visited Kaneohe on the northeast side of Oahu Island. You can enjoy various water sports there like kayaking, riding in motorboats, and snorkeling. The sea was as luminous as an emerald. It was amazingly clear and we could touch coral reefs on the bottom of the sea.

Although I said we could use Japanese in Hawaii, there were some opportunities to speak English. On the fourth day, when we took a break in our hotel room, my wife suddenly told me that she had lost her key card somewhere. So, we went to the hotel reception. The person there couldn't understand Japanese, so I asked him in English to cancel our key data and to give us new keys. It was solved at once, but I could unexpectedly get respect from my wife. From her point of view, I spoke English so fluently.

In fact, since we got married, my wife sometimes frowned at me when I came home at a late hour after studying at CROSSROADS. However, after we came back to Japan, she began to let me go to classes agreeably. It might be the most important byproduct for me after our travel.

Thanks to lessons with Joshua and my classmates, I could show off in front of my wife. Let's study! When you travel overseas, you can impress your partner!

Last Month's puzzle Solution



ACROSS

- 2 with intention
- 5 a positive feeling of liking (someone)
- 8 speak unfavorably about
- 9 suitable, fitting
- 11 very dirty
- 13 incorrect idea about something
- 15 highlighted, given exposure
- 16 deceiving, giving incorrect information

DOWN

- 1 a general estimation (of someone)
- 3 wild pigs
- 4 covered
- 6 when liquid turns to water
- 7 extracting metals from ore by heating
- 10 a bodily organ
- 12 big or long noses
- 14 related to pigs or pig-like behavior



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