

Course Outline

Aims

Improve listening comprehension
 Extend vocabulary
 Develop understanding of different cultures
 Develop awareness of social issues
 Practice discussion skills

Assessment

Attendance
 Participation in discussions
 Two short pieces of writing during term
 One written response to an in-class question on the last day of the course.

1	Course Outline, Expectations and Assessment Introduce Rabbit Proof Fence Australian historical drama :treatment of Aboriginal Australians by European settlers Begin watching Rabbit Proof Fence
2	Finish watching Rabbit Proof Fence Discuss Rabbit Proof Fence : racial discrimination Watch Discovering Australia Australian documentary : Australia’s National Parks; geographical diversity, ecological threats and their management
3	Introduce Stand by Me American “coming of age” drama based on novel by contemporary writer Stephen King Watch Stand by Me Discuss Stand By Me : childhood and adult friendships
4	Introduce Joy Luck Club Drama based on the novel by contemporary Chinese-American writer Amy Tan Begin watching Joy Luck Club
5	Finish Joy Luck Club Discuss Joy Luck Club : biculturalism, the generation gap
6	Introduce Airplane Satire of the “disaster movie” genre Watch Airplane Discuss Airplane and types of humour
7	Introduce Gorillas in the Mist Drama based on the life of scientist Dr Dian Fossey and her work with African Mountain gorillas Begin watching Gorillas in the Mist
8	Finish watching Gorillas in the Mist Discuss Gorillas in the Mist : ecology, personal sacrifice, dedication to a cause
9	Introduce Mrs Doubtfire Comedy about the pressures experienced by families in the late twentieth century Begin watching Mrs Doubtfire
10	Finish watching Mrs Doubtfire Discuss Mrs Doubtfire : male and female roles in the family and society
11	Introduce Dead Poets Society Drama about education, self-expression and growing up Begin watching Dead Poets Society
12	Finish watching Dead Poets Society Discuss Dead Poets Society : identity, individuality, sources of inspiration for the

	young
13	<p>Introduce Princess Bride</p> <p>Fantasy/romance/comedy using the format of the classic fairytale</p> <p>Discuss Princess Bride : romantic dreams and their relationship to real life, love</p>
14	<p>Introduce A Beautiful Mind</p> <p>Drama based on the life of Nobel Prize winning mathematician John Forbes Nash, also a victim of schizophrenia</p> <p>Begin watching A Beautiful Mind</p>
15	<p>Finish watching A Beautiful Mind</p> <p>Discuss A Beautiful Mind : overcoming difficulties, personal achievement</p>
16	<p>Final assessment task</p> <p>Student feedback and course evaluation</p>