



The Song of Bernadette (1941). **FACT OR FICTION ASSIGNMENT**

Are films based on historical events true to history, or do film makers take liberties to ensure that cinematic needs are met first? Having now watched Henry King's *The Song of Bernadette*, you are now to research the events/ characters listed below and determine whether or not Hollywood got it right or wrong. If liberties were taken, why do you think they were made and do you feel that the changes were justified.

1. Investigate each of the characters/ events listed below
2. Create a POWERPOINT that compares how the character/ event was depicted in the film to real life.
3. Be sure to use images to enhance your findings
4. Visit the library, use the internet or watch documentaries on YouTube to help with your investigation
5. Clearly indicate whether or not each character/ event that was depicted is FACT or FICTION
6. Remember, if the depiction is completely incorrect, why do you think the film maker made these changes?

Bernadette	Empress Eugenie & Emperor Louis Napoleon III	The Curing of the first crippled child
Bernadette's Arrest	A Character of your choosing	A character of your choosing

A suggestion as to how you might format your work:

State the EVENT/ CHARACTER here.	Indicate FACT or FICTION here.
<p>Provide the FILM DEPICTION in the first section</p> <p>Thoroughly discuss how the character and events were depicted in the film.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Event:</i> Describe the event in detail. How did it come to pass, how important was the event to the overall telling of the story? - <i>Character:</i> Who portrayed the character? Along with character traits, discuss the actions and words of the character. How would you describe the character after seeing the film. 	
<p>Provide HISTORICAL DETAILS/ EVIDENCE in the second section</p> <p>Thoroughly examine the historical truths behind the people or events depicted in the film.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Event:</i> Locate as much information about the event as you can and present how it took place as recorded by history. Provide historical drawings or images of the event if available. - <i>Character:</i> Find out as much as you can about the true lives of the individuals being studied. State all you can about their personalities and about key happenings in their lives. Were the true actions and words of these people accurately shown in the film? 	
<p>SITE RESEARCH SOURCE(S)</p> <p>Clearly state the books and/or websites you used to find the needed information.</p>	