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AI		US						artificial intelligence
All Quiet on the Western Front								morality of war
Altered States	1980	US	SF	102	R	color	t, d	human experimentation
And the Band Played On								AIDS
As Good as It Gets	1997	US	Drama/Comedy/Romance	139	PG-13	color	t	mental illness (obsessive compulsive disorder) (some nudity)
At First Sight	1998	US	Drama	129	PG-13	color	t	blindness; experimental surgery; recovery of sight
Awakenings	1990	US	Drama	121	PG	color	t, d	human experimentation with coma patients
Away from Her	2006	US	Drama/Romance	110	PG-13	color		Alzheimer's Disease; aging
Beautiful Mind, A	2001	US	Drama/Biography	136	PG-13	color	t, d	mental illness (schizophrenia) (mathematician/game theorist John Forbes Nash, Jr.) (sexual content)
Being John Malkovich	1999	US		112	R	color	t, d	personhood
Benny and Joon	1993	US	Comedy/Drama	98	PG	color		mental illness (schizophrenia)
Best Boy	1979	US	Documentary	111	no rating	color	t, d	mental retardation
Bicentennial Man		US						artificial intelligence; rights of other "life" forms
Big Business	1988	US	Comedy	97	PG	color	t, d	twins reared apart

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Bikini Island								testing of the atomic bomb; environmental issues; animal welfare/animal rights
Bill	1981	US			no rating	color	t	
Blade Runner	1982	US		118	R	color	t, d	genetic engineering (1993 Director's Cut released) (loosely based on Philip K. Dick's novel <i>Do Androids Dream of Electric Sheep?</i>)
Born on the Fourth of July	1989	US	War/Drama/ Biography	144	R	color	t, d	Viet Nam vet coping with paralysis from war injuries
Boys From Brazil, The	1978	US	Thriller	123	R	color	t, d	cloning
Brian's Song								cancer, terminal illness
Charly	1968	US		103	PG	color	t, d	mental retardation; scientific experimentation (based on Daniel Keyes' <i>Flowers for Algernon</i> (also television movie, 2000))
Children of a lesser God	1986	US	Drama	119	R	color	t	deafness
Civil Action, A	1998	US	Drama	118	PG-13	color	t	environmental issues; corporate pollution; leukemia (based on non-fiction book <i>A Civil Action</i> by Jonathan Harr; true story of Anne Anderson, her son Jimmy who died of leukemia in 1981, and a neighborhood (Pine Street) of East Woburn, Massachusetts)

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Clockwork Orange	1971	US		137	R	color	t, d	operant conditioning (based on Anthony Burgess' novel <i>Clockwork Orange</i>)
Clonus Horror	1978	US		90	R	color	t	cloning (see also: Parts: The Clonus Horror)
Cocoon	1985	US	SF / Comedy	117	PG-13	color	t, d	aging
Coma	1978	US	Thriller	113	PG	color	t, d	organ transplantation
Critical Care								allowing to die
Cure, The	1995	US	Drama	99	PG-13?	color	t, d	AIDS
Dark Victory	1939	US	Drama	66	not rated		t	brain cancer; death and dying
David and Lisa	1962	US	Drama	94	no rating	b & w	t, d	disturbed teenagers
Dirty Pretty Things	2002	US	Drama	97		color	t, d	black market in human organs; illegal immigration (prostitution)
Doctor, The	1991	US	Drama	125	PG-13	color	t, d	doctor as patient; physician-patient relationship; cancer
Diving Bell & the Butterfly, The	2007	France?	Biography/ Drama	112	PG-13	color		Locked-in Syndrome; neurological issues; communication (based on life of Jean-Dominique Bauby and his autobiography which he dictated using the blinking of his eyes) (nudity, sexual content, some language)

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Donor	1990	US		100	no rating	color		
Double Helix	1987	US	Drama	97	no rating	color	t	scientific research; discovery of the structure of DNA (based on the work of James Watson and Francis Crick); history of science
Dr. Ehrlich's Magic Bullet	1940	US	Biography/ Drama	103	no rating		t	scientific research; history of medicine; antimicrobial Salvarsan
Drugstore Cowboy	1989	US	Drama	102	R	color	t	drug abuse
Dying Young								death and dying
Eighth Day	1996	US	Drama	118	not rated	color	t	Down Syndrome
Elephant Man	1980	US	Biography/ Drama/ History	124	PG			attitudes toward patients with deformities; lymphedema (based on the life of Englishman John Merrick, 1800s)
Erin Brockovich	2000							environmental issues; cancer-causing toxic waste
Eternal Sunshine of a Spotless Mind								memory; personhood
Fat Man and Little Boy								development of the atomic bomb
Fear Strikes Out	1957	US	Sports/ Biography	100	no rating	b & w	t, d	mental illness
First, Do No Harm								alternative medicine; philosophy of medicine
Frankenstein								human experimentation

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Iris	2001	US	Drama	91	R	color		Alzheimer's Disease; aging; writing (based on the true story of philosopher Iris Murdoch and her writer husband John Bayley) (see John Bayley's book <i>Iris</i>)
Island, The	2005	US	SF/Drama/Action	216	PG-13	color	d	cloning; organ harvesting; surrogate motherhood; involuntary and sacrificial use of clones
Island of D. Moreau								genetic engineering
Inherit the Wind	1960	US	Drama	127	no rating	b & w	t, d	evolution
Judgment at Nuremberg	1961	US	War/Historical	178	no rating	b & w	t, d	human experimentation
Junior	1994	US	Comedy	110	PG-13	color	t, d	male pregnancy
Jurassic Park	1993	US	SF/Action	127	PG-13	color	t	cloning (dinosaurs), DNA
King of Hearts	1966	France? /UK	War/Drama/Comedy	102	no rating	color	t, d	institutionalization
Larry	1974	US		78	no rating	color	t	
Life is Beautiful								Holocaust; concentration camp
Life Support	2007	US	Biography/Drama	90				HIV/AIDS, drug addiction (based on life of AIDS activist Andrea Williams)
Lilith	1964	US	Drama	114	no rating	b & w	t	therapist/boundary violation
Logan's Run			SF					utopian society of the future (novel of the same name)

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Longtime Companion	1998	US	Drama	100	R	color	t	AIDS
Lorenzo's Oil	1993	US	Drama	129	PG-13	color	t	alternative medicine; rare conditions; medical establishment; medical experimentation (see NWABR Curriculum Online; Wash Post obit May 2008)
Losing Isaiah								drug-abusing mother; adoption
Lust for Life	1956	US	Biography	112	no rating	color	t, d	mental illness (based on the lives of Vincent Van Gogh (late 1800s Paris), his brother Theodore, and Paul Gauguin)
M	1931	Germany	Horror/Drama/ Crime	99	no rating	b & w	t, d	insanity defense
Madame Curie	1943	US	Biography/ Drama	204	no rating		t	scientific research; history of science
Madhouse	1974	UK	Horror	89	PG	color	t	mental illness
Madness of King George, The	1994	UK?/US	Historical/ Drama/ Biography	107	PG-13	color	t, d	physical illness (porphria) causing mental illness; history of medicine; treatment of the mentally ill
Mania	1959	UK	Horror	87	no rating	b & w	t	experimentation on corpses
Mar Adelante (Sea Inside, The)	2004	Spain	Drama	126	PG-13	color	d	spinal cord injury; quadriplegia; right to die (Spanish language with English subtitles)
Mask	1985	PG-13	Drama	120	PG-13	color	t	craniofacial deformities; treatment of persons with physical differences;

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Metropolis	1926	Germany	Fantasy/Drama	120	no rating	b & w	t, d	futuristic, mechanized society
Million Dollar Baby		US	Drama			color	t, d	paralysis; right to die
Miss Evers' Boys	1997	US	Drama	118	PG	color	t	human experimentation; U.S. Public Health Svc. study of untreated syphilis among African American men in Tuskegee, AL) (1930s to 1970s Southern US)
Mr. Jones	1993	US	Romance/Drama	114	R	color	t, d	psychiatry boundary violation
Multiplicity	1996	US	SF/Comedy/ Fantasy	1996	PG-13	color	t	cloning
My Body, My Child	1982	US		100	no rating	color		abortion, birth defects
My Left Foot	1989	US	Biography/ Drama	103	R	color	t	cerebral palsy (based on the life of Christy Brown, an Irish writer)
My Life	1993	US	Drama	112	PG-13?	color	t, d	terminal illness
My Sister's Keeper	2002	US	Drama	90	not rated	color	t	mental illness (schizoaffective disorder); sibling relationship
Nell	1994	US	Romance/Drama	113	PG-13?	color	t, d	research on child raised outside society; language acquisition
Network								media ethics
Night, Mother								suicide
1984								futuristic society with no privacy
Now, Voyager	1942	US	Drama	117	no rating	b & w	t, d	psychiatry
Nuts	1987	US	Drama	116	R	color	t, d	insanity defense

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O Mice and Men	1939	US	Drama	107	no rating	b & w	t	mental retardation
On Golden Pond	1981	US	Drama/Comedy	109	PG	color	t, d	aging
One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest	1975	US	Drama	133	R	color	t, d	institutionalization
One True Thing								death and dying
Ordinary People	1980	US	Drama	123	R	color	t, d	grief
Outbreak	1995	US	Thriller/Disaster	127	R	color	t, d	infectious disease
Patch Adams	1998	US	Comedy/ Drama	115	PG-13	color	t	practice of medicine; medical establishment (based on the true story of physician Patch Adams) (strong language)
Philadelphia	1993	US	Drama	125	PG-13	color	t	HIV/AIDS; homosexuality
Plague Dogs, The	1982	US	Drama	86	no rating	color	t	animal experimentation
President's Analyst, The	1967	US	Spy/Comedy	104	no rating	color	t, d	satire
Pressure Point	1962	US	Drama	91	no rating	b & w	t	psychiatrist treats a Nazi prisoner
Pride of the Yankees, The	1942	US	Biography/ Drama/Sports	208	no rating	b & w, and color	t	Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (Lou Gehrig's Disease) (based on the life of baseball player Lou Gehrig)
Prince of Tides, The	1991	US	Romance/Drama	132	R	color	t, d	psychiatry
Private Worlds	1935	US	Drama	84	no rating	b & w		institutionalization
Providence								
Rain Man	1988	US	Drama	140	R	color	t, d	autism

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Rain Without Thunder	1992	US	Drama	87	no rating	color	t	abortion
Rainmaker								lawsuit regarding health insurance for leukemia patient
Regarding Henry	1991	US	Drama	107	PG-13	color	t, d	recovery from brain injury; personality change
Roe vs. Wade	1989	US		100	no rating	color	t, d	abortion
Sea Inside (Mar Adelante)	2004	Spain	Drama	125	PG-13	color	d	spinal cord injury; quadriplegia; right to die (Spanish language with English subtitles)
Secret of NIMH, The	1982	US	Children's/ Animated	82	G	color	t, d	animal experimentation
Sixth Day, The		US						cloning; "image of God"; theological perspectives
Snake Pit, The	1948	US	Drama	108	no rating	b & w	t	institutionalization; mental illness
Something the Lord Made	2004	US	Drama	110	no rating	color	t	pediatric heart defects; racism; surgical and medical innovation
Southern Comfort								transgendered individuals; social acceptance of difference; sexuality; death and dying
Soylent Green	1973	US	SF/Mystery	100	PG	color	t, d	overpopulation
Spellbound	1945	US	Thriller	111	no rating	b & w	t, d	psychiatry

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Story of Louis Pasteur	1935	US	Biography/ Drama	87	no rating			history of medicine
Streetcar Named Desire, A	1951	US	Drama	122	no rating	b & w	t, d	mental illness?
Sylvia	2003	US	Drama/ Biography	100	R	color	t	mental illness (depression); suicide (based on the life of American poet and novelist Sylvia Plath and her English poet husband Ted Hughes) (nudity, sexuality, language)
Terminal Man, The	1974	US	SF	107	PG	color	t	computer takeover
Three Faces of Eve, The	1957	US	Drama	91	no rating	b & w	t, d	mental illness (multiple personality disorder)
Through a Glass, Darkly	1962	Sweden	Drama	91	no rating	b & w	t	mental illness
Tic Code, The	1998	US	Drama	91	R	color	t	Tourette's Syndrome; music
Tim								mental retardation
Tuesdays with Morrie	1999	US	Drama	89	not rated	color	t	Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (Lou Gehrig's Disease) (based on the true story of professor Morrie XX, retold in a book by the same name written by Mitch Albom)
Twilight of the Golds	1997	US		93	PG-13	color		prenatal genetic testing; sexuality (also a play of the same name)
Whales of August, The	1987	US	Drama	90	no rating	color	t, d	aging
What Dreams May Come	1998	US	Drama	113	PG-13	color	t, d	grief; suicide?

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Whose Life Is It Anyway?	1981	US	Drama	120	R	color	t	spinal cord injury; quadraplegia right to die
Wild Child		US	Drama			color		research on a child raised outside society; language acquisition
Wit (TVM)	2001	US	Drama	97		color	l, d	death and dying; cancer (see also a play of the same name by Margaret Edson)
Woman's Tale, A	1991	Australia	Drama	93	PG-13	color	t, d	dying
Yellow Jack	1938	US	Drama/ Biography/ History	83	not rated		t	infectious disease (Yellow Fever); medical research; (based on the true story of US physician Walter Reed and colleagues efforts to determine the cause of Yellow Fever in Cuba in the early 1900s) (Cuban physician Carlos Finlay thought that the disease might be caused by the bite of infected mosquitos)

Read the true story behind the films:

A Beautiful Mind (pp. 1-4)

A Civil Action (pp. 55-58)

Erin Brockovich (pp. 14-17)

Ghosts of Mississippi (pp. 50-54)

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The entries provide factual details behind the movies and point out where moviemakers elaborated on or departed from the story. Each entry concludes with a brief reference list to newspaper and journal articles, books, and other publications that offer the true facts of each story.