# Template for Lesson Plans Classroom Activities Ethics Curriculum Project Modules

Activity # 2, What Was Casablanca Really Like?

Name: Ethics and Film: Messages, Themes and Techniques (Module 1, Part II)

Class type: ESOL ESE Regular Gifted Honors Inclusion All

#### Objectives for activity:

- 1. Identify and analyze a film's hierarchy of values (or ethical scheme).
- 2. Use vocabulary appropriate to the critical discussion of film.
- 3. Demonstrate knowledge of the technical vocabulary of film (eg., rough cut, cutaway close-up, long shot, medium shot, tight shot, diegetic and nondiegetic sound, etc.)
- 4. Analyze the connection between a film's formal or technical elements and its content.
- 5. Define propaganda and discuss its characteristics in film.

## Materials Needed (texts, props, special supplies)

- 1. Copy of Casablanca
- 2. Computers and/or library to conduct research
- 3. Pen and paper or computer to compose short paper

## Procedures for Teachers-What You Need to Know/Do

- 1. Familiarize yourself with the film and the background material provided in the main text of this module.
- 2. View the film with students.
- 3. Ask students to research about events in French Morocco during World War II.
- Ask students to present their findings in a short expository paper on what Casablanca was really like. Be sure that they acknowledge their sources in their papers.

Activity Type -Discussion Questions, Compositions, Small Group, etc.-*What Students Need to Do* 

- 1. Online and library research
- 2. Presentation of research findings in the form of a brief paper

#### Assessment

1. Evaluation of individual student research and writing