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## Top Films Selected by THR Critics

### Description

Andrew Jarecki and Charlotte Kaufman's documentary is based on footage shot by inmates using cellphones, giving viewers a raw look at corruption and abuses in Alabama's prisons. It showcases the resilience of the men trying to survive in a system that dehumanizes them. The film is challenging but necessary to watch.

Kahlil Joseph's debut film explores W.E.B. Du Bois' quest to publish an encyclopedia about African descendants. It combines Afro-futurist elements, archival footage, and memoir, offering a unique index of Black culture spanning 50 years. The movie is a blend of fiction and reality, inspired by renowned directors like Jean-Luc Godard.

"Rebel Hearts" by Kim A. Snyder sheds light on the banning of LGBTQ+ and race-related books in school libraries. The documentary follows educators fighting against these bans, offering a mix of drama, hope, and despair. It combines vintage and original footage to create an eye-opening narrative.

Matt Wolf's HBO documentary delves into the life of Paul Reubens, known for his character Pee-wee Herman. Through interviews and archival footage, the film presents a nuanced portrayal of the enigmatic artist, adding to HBO's series on comedic geniuses.

Geeta Gandbhir's documentary "Stand Your Ground" examines a fatal shooting in Florida through police body camera footage. The film explores themes of racism, police inaction, and the impact of self-defense laws in America.

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### Vocabulary List:

1. **Resilience** /rɪˈzɪljəns/ (noun): The capacity to recover quickly from difficulties.
2. **Dehumanizes** /diːˈhjuː.mə.naɪz/ (verb): To deprive of human qualities or attributes.
3. **Corruption** /kəˈrʌp.ʃən/ (noun): The act of corrupting or state of being corrupt.
4. **Archive** /ˈɑːr.kɑɪv/ (noun): A collection of historical documents or records.
5. **Nuanced** /ˈnjuː.ɑːnst/ (adjective): Characterized by subtle shades of meaning or expression.
6. **Impact** /ˈɪm.pækt/ (noun): The strong effect or influence that something has on a situation or person.

### Comprehension Questions



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## Multiple Choice

1. Who directed the documentary showcasing corruption in Alabama's prisons?  
Option: Andrew Jarecki  
Option: Charlotte Kaufman  
Option: Both Andrew Jarecki and Charlotte Kaufman  
Option: Kahlil Joseph
  
2. What elements are combined in Kahlil Joseph's film about W.E.B. Du Bois?  
Option: Comedy and Drama  
Option: Afro-futurist elements, archival footage, and memoir  
Option: Science Fiction and Action  
Option: Romance and Thriller
  
3. Which documentary sheds light on the banning of LGBTQ+ and race-related books in school libraries?  
Option: Rebel Hearts by Kim A. Snyder  
Option: Stand Your Ground by Geeta Gandbhir  
Option: Untitled documentary by Matt Wolf  
Option: None of the above
  
4. Which filmmaker delves into Paul Reubens' life in an HBO documentary?  
Option: Andrew Jarecki  
Option: Kahlil Joseph  
Option: Matt Wolf  
Option: Geeta Gandbhir
  
5. What is the main theme explored in "Stand Your Ground" by Geeta Gandbhir?  
Option: Healthcare System in America  
Option: Impact of Climate Change  
Option: Themes of racism and police inaction  
Option: Historical Events in Europe
  
6. Which documentary presents a nuanced portrayal of Paul Reubens?  
Option: Rebel Hearts  
Option: Stand Your Ground  
Option: Kahlil Joseph's film  
Option: Matt Wolf's HBO documentary



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**True-False**

7. The documentary by Andrew Jarecki and Charlotte Kaufman focuses on the resilience of women in Alabama's prisons.
8. Kahlil Joseph's film combines elements of Afro-futurism, archival footage, and memoir.
9. Kim A. Snyder's documentary only focuses on LGBTQ+ issues in schools.
10. Matt Wolf's documentary adds to HBO's series on dramatic thrillers.
11. Geeta Gandbhir's documentary "Stand Your Ground" explores the impact of self-defense laws in America.
12. Paul Reubens is known for his character Pee-wee Herman as showcased in the documentary by Kahlil Joseph.

**Gap-Fill**

13. Kahlil Joseph's film explores W.E.B. Du Bois' quest to publish an encyclopedia about African descendants over a span of \_\_\_\_\_ years.
14. Matt Wolf's HBO documentary delves into the life of Paul Reubens, known for his character \_\_\_\_\_ Herman.
15. Geeta Gandbhir's documentary "Stand Your Ground" examines a fatal shooting in \_\_\_\_\_ through police body camera footage.
16. The documentary "Rebel Hearts" by Kim A. Snyder follows educators fighting against the banning of LGBTQ+ and \_\_\_\_\_ related books.
17. Andrew Jarecki and Charlotte Kaufman's documentary showcases the resilience of men trying to survive in a system that dehumanizes them within Alabama's \_\_\_\_\_.



18. The documentary by Kim A. Snyder combines vintage and original footage to create an \_\_\_\_\_ narrative.

## Answer

**Multiple Choice:** 1. Both Andrew Jarecki and Charlotte Kaufman 2. Afro-futurist elements, archival footage, and memoir 3. Rebel Hearts by Kim A. Snyder 4. Matt Wolf 5. Themes of racism and police inaction 6. Matt Wolf's HBO documentary

**True-False:** 7. False 8. True 9. False 10. False 11. True 12. False

**Gap-Fill:** 13. 50 14. Pee-wee 15. Florida 16. race 17. prisons 18. eye-opening

## Vocabulary quizzes

**Multiple Choice ( Select the Correct answer for each question. )**

1. Which term refers to a mutual trust and friendship among group members?

- Option: Camaraderie
- Option: Resilience
- Option: Dehumanizes
- Option: Corruption

2. What word describes a public disagreement or heated debate?

- Option: Production
- Option: Controversy
- Option: Acceptance
- Option: Appreciation

3. Which term means to emphasize or draw special attention to something?

- Option: Condemnation
- Option: Highlight
- Option: Antisemitic
- Option: Prosecuted

4. What word relates to a joyous celebration or event?

- Option: Resilience
- Option: Festive
- Option: Remarks
- Option: Indecent



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5. Which term refers to the state of being exposed to harm or danger?  
Option: Nuanced  
Option: Impact  
Option: Exposure  
Option: Archive
6. What word describes comments or statements made in conversation or discussion?  
Option: Resilience  
Option: Remarks  
Option: Diagnosis  
Option: Controversy
7. Which term refers to clothing or outfit worn for a particular occasion or purpose?  
Option: Nominate  
Option: Regulations  
Option: Attire  
Option: Highlight
8. What word means the act of willingly receiving or approving of something?  
Option: Dehumanizes  
Option: Acceptance  
Option: Resilience  
Option: Controversy
9. Which term relates to the process of making or manufacturing goods or services?  
Option: Controversy  
Option: Production  
Option: Showcase  
Option: Appreciation
10. What word means to give someone the authority or power to do something?  
Option: Contamination  
Option: Empower  
Option: Controversy  
Option: Prosecuted

**Gap-Fill ( Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list. )**

11. \_\_\_\_\_ is the ability to recover from difficulties and tough situations.
12. The public issued strong \_\_\_\_\_ against the unethical behavior of the politician.



13. The political scandal caused a massive \_\_\_\_\_ in the media.
14. The criminal was arrested and \_\_\_\_\_ for his illegal activities.
15. The library keeps a valuable \_\_\_\_\_ of historical documents and records.
16. Each department will \_\_\_\_\_ a representative for the upcoming conference.
17. The government vowed to fight against \_\_\_\_\_ and bribery in public office.
18. The TV show was canceled due to its \_\_\_\_\_ content and inappropriate scenes.
19. The doctor provided a detailed \_\_\_\_\_ after conducting several tests.
20. The new policy had a significant \_\_\_\_\_ on the local community.

**Matching Sentences ( Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list. )**

21. The comedy show provided great entertainment and for the audience.
22. The presentation will key findings from the research study.
23. The holiday season brought a atmosphere to the town.
24. Survivors of the natural disaster showed remarkable in rebuilding their homes.
25. The mentorship program aims to young entrepreneurs to succeed in their ventures.
26. The singer's new song sparked a heated among music critics.
27. The thank-you card expressed deep for the support during difficult times.
28. The discriminatory policy individuals based on their race and ethnicity.
29. The company must comply with all safety to ensure a secure work environment.
30. The art gallery will the works of emerging local artists.

**Answer**

- Multiple Choice:** 1. Camaraderie 2. Controversy 3. Highlight 4. Festive 5. Exposure 6. Remarks 7. Attire  
8. Acceptance



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9. Production 10. Empower

**Gap-Fill:** 11. Resilience 12. condemnation 13. controversy 14. prosecuted 15. archive 16. nominate  
17. corruption 18. indecent 19. diagnosis 20. impact

**Matching sentence:** 1. amusement 2. highlight 3. festive 4. resilience 5. empower 6. controversy 7.  
appreciation 8. dehumanizes 9. regulations 10. showcase

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