The Patriot

Benjamin martin was a war-torn veteran but more importantly a loving father. Benjamin Martin was living a peaceful live away from the war when it literally stepped foot in front of his house and threatens his family. With no choice, he joins the war to protect the ones he loves. The Patriot is a biased accurate film about the American Revolution but there are still inaccuracies since no one or nothing is perfect

In this film, there are many accuracies and inaccuracies but the film Patriot does a dandy job of explaining the American Revolution and all the people that fought in it with some exceptions. A few accuracies may include when the Americans use guerilla tactics to catch the British off guard due to the British being used to line warfare, other accuracies might include when in the battle of Cowpens, the Americans used their militia as a front force then deceiving them by retreating, but what the British did not know is that the rest of the American’s militia army was hiding out of sight behind the hill that the British could not see over so this maneuver tricks the British into charging over the hill right into the rest of the American army which causes the British to retreat. Battles, in general obviously, they haven’t heard the saying not everything is at it seems. One thing that was not accurate in the film was when Tavington ordered his men to burn down a church with people inside clearly this was just movie bias and was very coincidently happened which a Nazi herded people into a the church and proceeded to burn it down. As you can see this is just one of the many inaccuracies in this film the Patriot which depicted the British as remorseless, sadists.

Benjamin Martin was a character based on Daniel Morgan but was originally going to be based off Francis Marion who was known as the “Swamp Fox. Benjamin Martin as Daniel Morgan is in-accurately represented but at the same time was accurately represented in this film. Daniel Morgan was a Continental officer. Morgan was a colorful character and by no means the religious person that Martin is portrayed as. Benjamin’s character used the same tactics as Morgan at the Battle of Cowpens to use the militia as a decoy. Benjamin Martin and Daniel Morgan died July 6, 1802 (aged 66). Benjamin Martin was portrayed as a loving parent who cares about the people in his life, which was true, He then fell in love with Abigail Curry and they married and had two daughters, Nancy and Betsy, this accurately shows that Benjamin martin was a loving man. Daniel Morgan was effectively represented in this film as he leads the continental army to victory using his guerilla tactics. Daniel Morgan is a widowed father of 7 children, which is not effective because in this film Benjamin Martin has many children which the patriot focuses on a lot.

General Tarleton is nicknamed the “Butcher” mainly because he was found to be ruthless in this movie, when Tarleton was introduced into the story he was going to take Gabriel Benjamin’s martins first son as a hostage when he found out he was going to be delivering a message to the army(Americans)he was being taken away when Benjamin’s second son tackles the soldiers holding his older brother trying to free Gabriel but before the first son could do anything Tarleton shoots him right in the chest and he ends up dying right in Benjamin Martin’s hands, this travesty lead to Benjamin joining the American Revolution. After this Tarleton rides, away on his horse and sends some of his troops to lead Gabriel to be executed publicly. General Tavington is represented by Tarleton but in this movie, there is plenty of in accuracies for example, when general Tarleton kills Benjamin Martin’s son Tavington would never do something like that, or when Tarleton would burn down the church with people inside it but when he says kill all the wounded soldiers is an accurate representation since he doesn’t take prisoners. These are many of the reasons of which this movie is not accurate. When Tarleton tells the rest of the cavalries to engage he does not have Cornwallis’s consent to engage but he does anyway.

This film is a great film to focus on battles and characters, but there is a lot of bias against Britain in this film. A huge bias was when Tavington ordered his soldiers to burn down the church with people inside the loyalist did not want to and he said “there’s no honor in this” but Tarleton ordered him to do it anyway, which this accident has happened with a Nazi instead. The film is basically nudging you thinking that the British is as bad as the Nazi’s which they weren’t and showed the Americans as heroes.

In conclusion, this film is a well put together film but it does have some slip ups and does have a toxic amount of bias, but this movie also does express lots of true things that happened over the time of the American revolution. This movie is great if you are learning about the American revolution but also if you were just watching it for fun it is a great film with lots of action in it. One more thing that I loved about this movie was it showed how much a Father would go for his family.

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