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Recommended Documentary/Film and Video List for Teachers to Use in Classroom Lessons about the Armenian Genocide

The following may be found on Amazon and YouTube. Descriptions were taken from Amazon, YouTube and other similar sources. The list is comprised of three sections: Films/Documentaries, Media Reports/Interviews, and Armenian Genocide Relevant Video Clips. Teaching guides and lesson plans of the films and documentaries can be found through the [Genocide Education Project](#) and additional video material can be found at this [link](#).

Films/Documentaries:

Ararat

- **Description:** From the Academy Award nominated director, Atom Egoyan, and featuring an all-star cast, *Ararat* is the acclaimed cinematic masterpiece about a tragic historical event, a country in denial, and a people yearning for the truth. For the estranged members of a contemporary family, the tangled relationships of their present are only complicated by their catastrophic past. And what begins as a search for clues becomes a determined quest for answers across a vast and ancient terrain of deception, denial, fact, and fears. This stunning and passionate motion picture explores the pursuit of identity through the intimate moments shared by lovers, families, enemies, and strangers.
- **Duration:** 1 hour and 55 minutes



The Promise

- **Description:** *Empires fall, love survives.* When Michael (Oscar Isaac), a brilliant medical student meets Ana (Charlotte Le Bon), their shared Armenian heritage sparks an attraction that explodes into a romantic rivalry between Michael and Ana's boyfriend Chris (Christian Bale), a famous American photojournalist dedicated to exposing political truth. As the Ottoman Empire crumbles into war-torn chaos, their conflicting passions must be deferred while they join forces to get their people to safety and survive themselves. The Promise is directed by Academy Award winning filmmaker Terry George.

- **Duration:** 2 hours, 13 minutes.

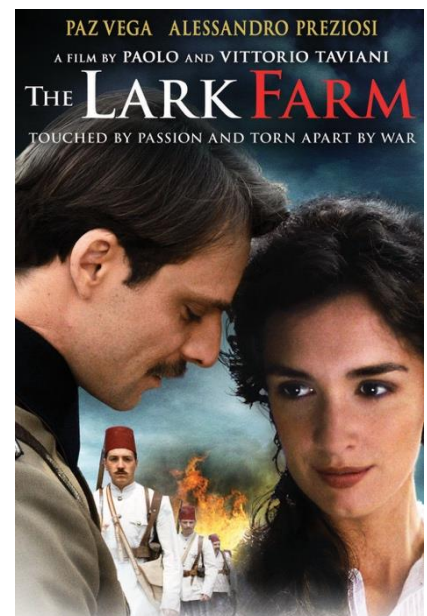
- **Link:** <http://www.thepromise.movie/>



The Lark Farm

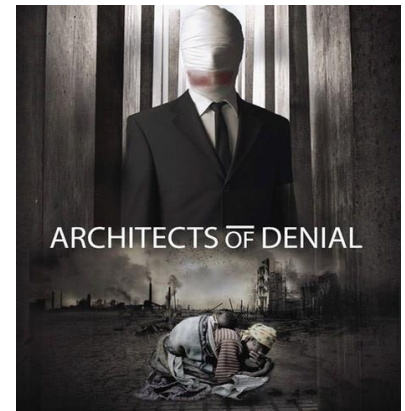
- **Description:** As adapted from the roman by Antonia Arslan and co-directed by legendary Italian brothers Paolo and Vittorio Taviani, The Lark Farm marks one of the few international features to tackle the Armenian genocide head-on. The story (with its thematic parallels, in the early scenes, to De Sica's 1970 Garden of the Finzi-Continis) concerns the Avakian clan. An Armenian family living an affluent lifestyle and periodically shuttling back and forth between their two comfortable homes, the Avakians feel convinced that the rising tide of Turkish hostility on the horizon means little to them and will scarcely affect their day to day. Indeed, The Avakians ignore the warning signs, and set about preparing for a family reunion with the impending visit of two well-to-do sons - landowner Aram, who resides in Turkey, and Assadour, a physician living in Venice. Lo and behold, these illusions come crashing down when a Turkish military regiment crops up at the house, annihilates every male member of the family and forces the ladies to trek off into the Syrian desert, where they will be left to rot. Meanwhile, a handsome Turkish officer (Alessandro Preziosi) falls for Aram's daughter and makes an aggressive attempt to deliver her and her family from certain death, even as the circumstances surrounding him attest to the astounding difficulty of this goal.

- **Duration:** 2 hours and 2 minutes



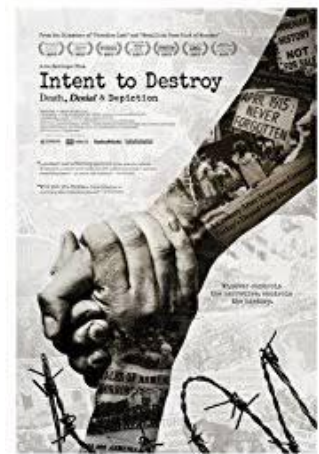
Architects of Denial

- **Description:** The documentary not only digs into the persecution of Armenians and other Christians in the Middle East, both past and present, but it also sheds light on those politicians who refuse to acknowledge an event scholars accept as a sad reality and historical fact.
- **Duration:** 1 hour and 42 minutes.
- **Link:** <http://www.architectsofdenial.com/>



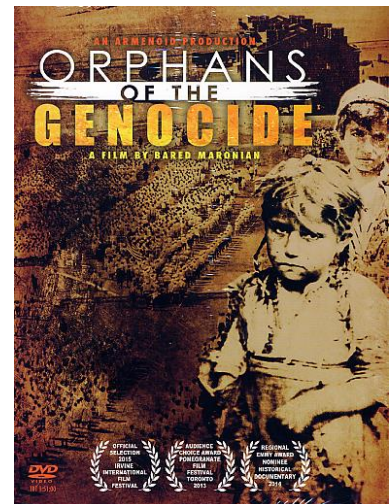
Intent to Destroy

- **Description:** Filmmaker Joe Berlinger meets with historians and scholars to discuss the Armenian Genocide by exploring the tangled web of responsibility that has driven a century of denial by the Turkish government and its strategic allies.
- **Duration:** 1 hour and 55 minutes.
- **Link:** <https://tribecafilm.com/filmguide/intent-to-destroy-2017>



Orphans of The Genocide

- **Description:** Orphans of the Genocide is an emotional visual journey through never-before-seen archival footage and discovered memoirs of orphans who lived through the last century's first, fully documented and least recognized Armenian Genocide of 1915. The documentary follows Maurice Missak Kelechian whose research findings unveil the site of an Armenian orphanage located at the present day Antoura College near Beirut, Lebanon where 1,000 Armenian Genocide Orphans had lived and were forcefully converted and "Turkified" during W.W. I. In addition to the Antoura site, the documentary unveils numerous other orphanages where Armenian orphans were housed – and profiles one orphan girl who was adopted and later became one of Turkey's high-profiled national icons as the daughter of Atatürk, the founder of modern-day Turkey. The documentary traces the lives of many orphans who lived through the horrors of a war, losing parents and being separated from siblings and shipped to various countries.
- **Duration:** 1 hour and 51 minutes



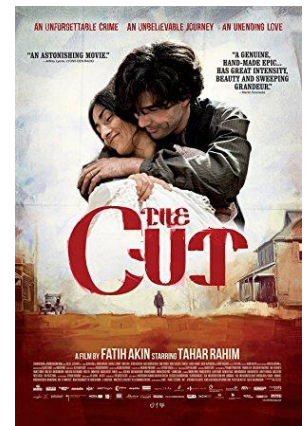
Grandma's Tattoos

- **Description:** Khardalian is the director and producer of the riveting documentary, that lifts the veil of thousands of forgotten women – survivors of the Armenian Genocide– who were forced into prostitution and tattooed to distinguish them from the locals.
- **Duration:** 58 minutes
- **Link:** https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bwj4e_f_1DI



The Cut

- **Description:** The film is Faith Akin's epic drama about one man's journey through the Ottoman Empire after surviving the 1915 Armenian Genocide. Deported from his home in Mardin, Nazareth moves onwards as a forced laborer. When he learns that his twin daughters may still be alive, his hope is revived and he travels to America, via Cuba, to find them. His search takes him from the Mesopotamian deserts and Havana, to the barren and desolate prairies of North Dakota. On this odyssey, he encounters a range of very different people: angelic and kind-hearted characters, but also the devil incarnate.
- **Duration:** 2 hour and 18 minutes



“The Armenian Journey”

- **Description:** This short, first-person documentary produced by GenEd tells the story of Armenian Genocide survivor Margaret Der Manuelian through the narrative voice of her 21-year old great-granddaughter.
- **Duration:** (12:00)
- **Link:** <http://youtu.be/xzTpuXVgOEU>



“Orphans of the Genocide – Vergeen”

- **Description:** In this segment from the documentary film, Orphans of the Genocide, the story of the orphan survivor, Vergeen Kalandarian is told through the author of the biographical book, Vergeen.
- **Duration:** (5:19)
- **Link:** <http://youtu.be/8-GdbxGuyx8>



“Orphans of the Genocide – Almas”

- **Description:** In this segment from the documentary film, *Orphans of the Genocide*, 105 year- old orphan survivor, Almas Boghosian tells her story of survival.
- **Duration:** (7:10)
- **Link:** <http://youtu.be/BI9eaZjeUoY>



“20 Voices: Armenian Genocide Witness Accounts”

- **Description:** An overview of the Armenian Genocide as part of the 20 Voices documentary that tells the story of 20 voices that will not be silenced by the Armenian Genocide.
- **Duration:** (8:11)
- **Link:** <http://youtu.be/fkE6bJKUW4U>



“My Mother’s Voice”

- **Description:** The trailer for a documentary by Kay Mouradian, who tells the story of her mother as she endures the horrors of the Armenian Genocide. Teachers who would like to have a digital copy of the 25-minute documentary, *My Mother’s Voice*, should contact the filmmaker directly at her website (www.kaymouradian.com).
- **Duration:** (1:36)
- **Link:** <http://youtu.be/Kad0VzWzxA>



“The Armenian Genocide”

- **Description:** An award-winning documentary by a group of Maryland students who tell the story of the Armenian Genocide and its continuing impact.
- **Duration:** (10:00)
- **Link:** http://youtu.be/JKSwhI_pY2A



“DNA of Hope”

- **Description:** A student-produced documentary that explores the political, social, and emotional struggles in accepting the Armenian Genocide.
- **Duration:** (12:19)
- **Link:** <http://youtu.be/ikhGRcdrPo8>



“The Armenian Journey – A Story of an Armenian Genocide”

- **Description:** "The Armenian Journey: From Despair to Hope in Rhode Island," a film by The Genocide Education Project (GenEd), tells the story of Armenian Genocide survivor Margaret Garabedian Der Manuelian, told through the narrative voice of her great-granddaughter, 21-year-old Dalita Getzoyan. The film was funded by a grant from the Rhode Island Council for the Humanities and designed to support educators in the region and beyond.
- **Duration:** (13:05)
- **Link:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gE-XI6blXB0>



“The Handjian Story: A Road Less Traveled”

- **Description:** This is the documentary about my grandparents, Kourken and Malvine Handjian, who survived the Armenian Genocide. Using their own words, I compiled 5 hours of video into this compelling story of tragedy and triumph, wrote the music to wrap around their stories - and ultimately it is a love story. It's every survivor's story.
- **Duration:** (47:31)
- **Link:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YrLOgTGYfWY>



“Genocide: Worse Than War |Full-length documentary | PBS”

- **Description:** Worse Than War documents Goldhagen's travels, teachings, and interviews in nine countries around the world, bringing viewers on an unprecedented journey of insight and analysis. In a film that is highly cinematic and evocative throughout, he speaks with victims, perpetrators, witnesses, politicians, diplomats, historians, humanitarian aid workers, and journalists, all with the purpose of explaining and understanding the critical features of genocide and how to finally stop it.
- **Duration:** 1:54:16 (Armenian Genocide portion begins at 1:00:05)
- **Link:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w7cZuhqSzzc>



Media Reports/Interviews

“A People Expunged: Marking the 100th Anniversary of Armenian Genocide amid Ongoing Turkish Denials”

- **Description:** On April 24, 1915, the Young Turk government of the Ottoman Empire began a systematic, premeditated genocide against the Armenian people — an unarmed Christian minority living under Turkish rule. An estimated 1.5 million Armenians were exterminated through direct killing, starvation, torture and forced death marches. Another million fled into permanent exile. Today, the Turkish government continues to deny this genocide, and since becoming president, President Obama has avoided using the term "genocide" to describe it. We're joined by Peter Balakian, professor of humanities at Colgate University and author of "The Burning Tigris: The Armenian Genocide and America's Response"; Anahid Katchian, whose father was a survivor of the 1915 Armenian genocide; and Simon Maghakyan, an activist with Armenians of Colorado. We also play a recording of Armenian broadcaster and writer David Barsamian's mother recalling her experience during the Armenian genocide as a young girl. Araxie Barsamian survived, but her parents and brothers did not.

- **Duration:** (19:38)

- **Link:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m3dVcRxbrJ0>



“Katie Couric: Now I Get It”

- **Description:** April 24th marks the 100th anniversary of the Armenian genocide that took place in 1915 under the Ottoman Empire. The nature of the mass killings has long been a topic of controversy. Yahoo Global News Anchor Katie Couric explains.

- **Duration:** (3:31)

- **Links:**

- <https://www.yahoo.com/news/video/now-armenian-genocide-204418779.html>

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yfsm12TPKpc>



“Geoffrey Robertson QC Discusses the Armenian Genocide on the Charlie Rose Show”

- **Description:** International jurist, human rights lawyer, and academic Geoffrey Robertson QC discusses the facts of the Armenian Genocide, condemns President Obama's reticence to properly acknowledge that crime and urges Turkey to end its international campaign of denial in this powerful interview with Ethan Bronner on the Charlie Rose Show.



- **Duration:** (19:30)

- **Link:** <http://www.charlierose.com/watch/60531355>

“Turkey’s Hidden Armenians Search for Stolen Identity”

- **Description:** In 1915, during World War I, the Ottoman Empire ordered the extermination of the Armenian people. One and a half million were killed in the first genocide of the 20th century. But up to 200,000 women and children survived, converting to Islam and being integrated into the Kurdish and Turkish communities. Today, their descendants are discovering their Armenian roots that had lain hidden for generations. Our reporters followed them on their difficult search for identity.



- **Duration:** (17:10)

- **Link:** https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=43uE1bUM_JI

“Photographer Connects Armenians Displaced Around the World”

- **Description:** One hundred years ago this week, thousands of Armenians were rounded up in modern-day Turkey and deported or executed – just the beginning of a mass elimination of Armenian Christians. Margaret Warner sits down with Armenian-American photographer Scout Tufankjian, who has spent years photographing and interviewing members of the Armenian community around the world.



- **Duration:** (7:06)

- **Link:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6pvHsbsStkE>

“Compensation for the Armenian Genocide: A Study of Recognition and Reparations”

- **Description:** Nolwenn Guibert, a French lawyer and Sun Kim, an attorney from California presented the paper, “Compensation for the Armenian Genocide: A Study of Recognition and Reparations,” at a conference at The Hague. The conference organized by Alexis Demirdjian, the NIOD Institute for War, Holocaust, and Genocide Studies and the USC Dornsife Institute of Armenian Studies was entitled “The Armenian Genocide’s Legacy 100 Years Later.”
- **Duration:** (23:28)
- **Link:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XaSUovnNDR8>



“The Century of Genocide Denial Tearing Turkey Apart”

- **Description:** Facing Up to the Past (ABC Australia – 2006): Novelist Orhan Pamuk threatened under Turkey’s dubious Article 301 for daring to speak out about the Armenian Genocide.
- **Duration:** (19:05)
- **Link:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uC5qMKpftNE>



“Comcast TV – Newsmakers”

- **Description:** This TV news interview gives teachers a good introduction about the Armenian Genocide education.
- **Duration:** (5:00)
- **Link:** <http://youtu.be/jUd4PbKuR2I>



“104 Year Old Grandma: A Survivor of The Armenian Genocide Sharing Her Memories”

- **Description:** An Al-Jazeera interview with an Armenian Genocide survivor who shares her experiences. Interview is in Armenian with subtitles.
- **Duration:** (5:26)
- **Link:** <http://youtu.be/Xq9FgRQcJXQ>



“CBS 60 Minutes Report about the Armenian Genocide”

- **Description:** A 2010, 60 Minutes segment about the battle over history and the struggles in bringing the Armenian Genocide to light.
- **Duration:** (10:00)
- **Link:** <http://youtu.be/HbjCyOjmTS8>



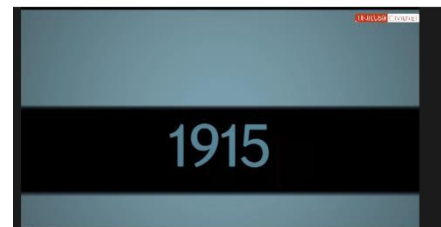
“Most ‘Successful Genocide’ in History”

- **Description:** Bård Larsen, a historian from the Oslo-based think tank “Civita,” spoke to CivilNet about the 100th anniversary of the Armenian Genocide. He calls the Armenian Genocide “the most successful genocide in history.”
- **Duration:** (9:26)
- **Link:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s7VJ56Oi7Cc>



“The Armenian Genocide: A History That Matters”

- **Description:** A very basic overview of the Armenian Genocide, including dates and locations. Ideal for a history class or historical overview of the genocide.
- **Duration:** (3:20)
- **Link:** <http://youtu.be/9A6Nh3S3d-s>



“‘Genocide’ Word Coined by Raphael Lemkin”

- **Description:** Raphael Lemkin's invention of the word "genocide" was in part, inspired by the Armenian Genocide, as he states in the CBS News interview. (Courtesy CBS, PBS).
- **Duration:** (1:14)
- **Link:** <http://youtu.be/dzAexRmeZFs>



“ABC News – The Century”

- **Description:** This ABC News story about the Armenian Genocide was part of a series broadcast on ABC World News Tonight with Peter Jennings about the important events of the 20th century.
- **Duration:** (5:00)
- **Link:** <http://youtu.be/8WIN7BQrrYg>



“CNN Slams Obama for Breaking Armenian Genocide Pledge”

- **Description:** Short news story from CNN about the controversy surrounding President Obama and his inability to discuss the Armenian Genocide freely.
- **Duration:** (1:28)
- **Link:** <http://youtu.be/uDtuetm6vkc>



“France Outlaws Armenian Genocide Denial”

- **Description:** A news story from RT about France’s decision to outlaw any denial of the Armenian Genocide. Ideal video for a government or modern history class that explores current events.
- **Duration:** (4:11)
- **Link:** <http://youtu.be/srrxP8yc2ig>



Armenian Genocide Relevant Video Clips:

“Author Lorna Touryan Miller on Survivors at Genocide Education Workshop”

- **Description:** Guest speaker, Lorna Touryan Miller, spoke about her extensive work documenting the oral histories of Armenian Genocide survivors and survivors of the genocide in Rwanda. Herself, a daughter of genocide survivors, Miller first recorded her father's story of survival, which spurred her and her husband, Donald Miller, to continue recording the oral histories of other genocide survivors.

- **Duration:** (7:00)

- **Link:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ljdjoB4Q4l8>



“An Armenian Genocide Survivor’s Story | Lucine Z. Kinoian | TEDxBergen Community College”

- **Description:** Lucine Z. Kinoian’s talk will be on the circumstance and luck that allowed her paternal great-grandparents to survive the Armenian Genocide in spite of the demoralizing suffering they endured, and the looming, inevitable fate that took the lives of their relatives and loved ones. Kinoian’s talk will focus specifically on her great-grandmother, whose story is that of abduction and abuse. Kinoian believes that who we are as individuals is a product of all those who came before us, and that we have an obligation to ourselves, to our society, and to the world at large to know, acknowledge, and learn from the stories of our past. Over a century has passed since the events that mark the start of the Armenian Genocide, and in telling her great-grandmother’s story, Kinoian hopes to be the voice of a generation that is long gone and in danger of being forgotten.



Lucine Z. Kinoian is a third-generation Armenian-American who is active in the respective New York and New Jersey Armenian communities. She holds a Bachelor's degree in Comparative Literature and Philosophy from Rutgers University and a Master's degree in English Education from Columbia University. Kinoian currently works as an English teacher in the Tenafly, NJ school district.

- **Duration:** 12:13

- **Link:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bB5zR2xYhm4>

“Amal Clooney’s Speech in ECHR Hearing of Perincek v. Switzerland Case”

- **Description:** Human rights attorney, Amal Clooney, speaking to the European Court of Human Rights about the Armenian Genocide in the hearing of Perincek v. Switzerland.
- **Duration:** 6:57
- **Link:** https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m_qw8UTPGYI



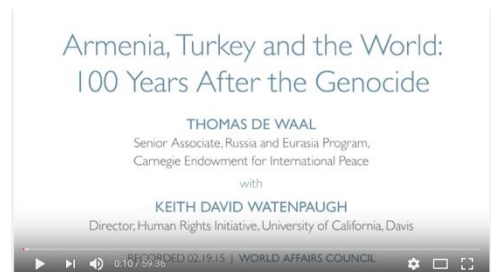
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- **Description:** Human rights barrister, Geoffrey Robertson, speaking to the European Court of Human Rights about the Armenian Genocide in the hearing of Perincek v. Switzerland.
- **Duration:** 12:11
- **Link:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=62dDR-K6KpY>



“Thomas de Waal: Armenia, Turkey, and the World: 100 Years After the Genocide”

- **Description:** Thomas de Waal, an expert on the politics and conflicts of the South Caucasus, will discuss how the Armenian Genocide has shaped contemporary politics both within the region and beyond. Speaker Thomas de Waal is a Senior Associate for the Russia and Eurasia Program at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. Keith David Watenpaugh, Director, Human Rights Initiative, University of California, Davis, will moderate the discussion.
- **Duration:** (59:36)
- **Link:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EIu-s92LK6E>



“George Clooney Armenian Genocide and 100 Lives Project with Ruben Vardanian”

- **Description:** Actor George Clooney and Ruben Vardanian in a panel discussion about 100 Lives Project and The Armenian Genocide.
- **Duration:** 40:42
- **Link:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IXxdfd3YnA4>



“An Armenian Genocide Survivor Speaks - Three Part Video Series”

– **Description:** A taping of a talk with Hagop H. Asadourian, who speaks about surviving the Armenian Genocide. The survivor was 100 years old at the time of the talk and spoke in New York City.

– **Duration:**

Part 1 – (10:09)

Part 2 – (6:04)

Part 3 – (7:38)

– **Links:**

Part 1 - http://youtu.be/IZG_N0FQy2s

Part 2 - <http://youtu.be/gG2AJ1tQM3I>

Part 3 - <http://youtu.be/4kAaPciE2po>



“CA State Senate Armenian Genocide Commemoration”

- **Description:** In commemoration of the Armenian Genocide, Roxanne Makasdjian of The Genocide Education Project is invited to speak before the California State Senate about the importance of genocide education.

- **Duration:** 12:00

- **Link:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=knmPGUW590I>



“UN Commemoration”

- **Description:** Footage of the UN’s commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the Armenian Genocide.

- **Duration:** (18:12)

- **Link:** <http://youtu.be/dfMUg9NqeYI>



“The Forgotten”

- **Description:** An interactive website with video, photos, and news clips about the Armenian Genocide.

- **Link:** <http://www.theforgotten.org/>

