

# The American Teenager in Film and Television

## Film Suggestions

### Representing 1950s

*Grease* (1978)

*Stand by Me* (1986)

### Representing the 1960s

*American Graffiti* (1973)

*The Outsiders* (1983)

### Representing the 1970s

*The Lords of Dogtown* (2005)

*Crooklyn* (1994)

### Representing the 1980s

*Back to the Future* (also 1950s) (1985)

*The Breakfast Club* (1985)

*Fame* (1980)

*Fast Times at Ridgemont High* (1982)

*Ferris Bueller's Day Off* (1986)

*Footloose* (1984)

*The Goonies* (1985)

*Heathers* (1988)

*Sixteen Candles* (1984)

### Representing the 1990s

*Boyz in the Hood* (1991)

*Clueless* (1995)

*Kids* (1995)

*Smoke Signals* (1998)

### Representing 2000 to present

*Dope* (2015)

*Juno* (2007)

*Mean Girls* (2004)

*Raising Victor Vargas* (2002)

*Quinceanera* (2006)

## Television Shows

### Representing the 1950s

*Happy Days* (1974-1984, ABC and CBS)  
*Leave it to Beaver* (1957-1963, CBS and ABC)

### Representing the 1960s

*My Three Sons* (1960-1972, ABC)

### Representing the 1970s

*The Brady Bunch* (1969-1974, ABC)  
*That 70s Show* (1998-2006, Fox)  
*The Get Down* (2016-2017, Netflix)

### Representing the 1980s

*Freaks and Geeks* (1999-2000, ABC)

### Representing the 1990s

*90210* (1990-2000, Fox)  
*Buffy the Vampire Slayer* (1997-2003, The WB/UPN)  
*Dawson's Creek* (1998-2003, The WB)  
*Everything Sucks!* (2018, Netflix)  
*My So-Called Life* (1994-1995, ABC)  
*Veronica Mars* (2004-2007, UPN/The CW)

### Representing 2000s to present

*Friday Night Lights* (2006-2011, NBC)  
*Glee* (2009-2015, Fox)  
*Marvel's Runaways* (2017-Present, Hulu)  
*The O.C.* (2003-2007, Fox)  
*Pretty Little Liars* (2010-2017, The CW)  
*Riverdale* (2017-Present, The CW)