Fact and fiction

Our favourite films for Young Friends

Choose from our top eight picks of history-themed films to finish off the night (although we're can't promise they'll be historically accurate!)

Have we missed your favourite from the list? Let us know by emailing youngfriends@britishmuseum.org

1. Hercules (1997)
   This animated film is loosely based on the legends of the Greek hero Herakles (better known by his Roman name Hercules). A bonus is the incredible songs throughout!
   Prime Video, Now TV, Sky, Apple TV, Google Play
   PG

   This is the third and final film in the Night at the Museum series. Security guard Larry travels to London to return the magical tablet of Ahkmenrah which brings museum objects to life. We might be biased with this pick as it's filmed in the British Museum!
   Disney+, Prime Video, Apple TV, Google Play
   PG

   Another animated film with a fantastic soundtrack, this film follows the life of Moses. It's set during the rule of the famous pharaoh Ramses II (1279–1213 BC) so it's a wonderful way to travel back to ancient Egypt.
   Prime Video, Apple TV, Google Play, Now TV
   PG
Jason and the Argonauts (1963)
A classic adventure film inspired by the Greek hero Jason, who embarks on an epic quest to find the magical Golden Fleece and win back his throne. Watch out for the famous skeleton fighting scene!

Prime video, Apple TV, Google Play, Now TV
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The Emperor's New Groove (2000)
While it's not based on any specific historic events, this is a great animated comedy set in the Incan Empire in ancient Peru. It tells the story of a spoilt teenage emperor named Kuzco (after the capital of the Incan Empire, Cusco) who is transformed into a llama.

Prime Video, Disney+, Apple TV, Google Play
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The Magic Sword: Quest for Camelot (1998)
Inspired by the legend of King Arthur, this is the story of Kayley, who dreams of becoming a knight. When the sword Excalibur is stolen, she seizes her chance for adventure and sets off to save King Arthur from disaster.

Prime Video, Apple TV, Google Play
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The Road to El Dorado (2000)
This fictional comedy follows the scrapes of two Spanish con artists named Tulio and Miguel, who wash up on the shore of El Dorado, the 16th century Spanish name for a golden mythical city in South America.

Prime Video, Now TV, Apple TV, Google Play
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Mr. Peabody & Sherman (2014)
This animated film is the perfect pick for anyone who has dreamed of having a time machine. Featuring Mr Peabody (a talking dog) and his adopted seven-year-old Sherman, this story whizzes through time and features famous figures like Tutankhamun, Agamemnon, and Leonardo da Vinci

Prime Video
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*Streaming platforms correct at time of publication.*