

What follows is a list of films that are essential for professional actors to have seen

THIS IS A LIST FOR ACTORS ONLY

2001: A Space Odyssey (1968)
A Clockwork Orange (1971)
A Beautiful Mind (2001)
A Star is Born (1954)
A Streetcar Named Desire (1951)
The Accused (1988)
Ace in the Hole (1951)
Adam's Rib (1950)
Adaptation (2002)
African Queen (1951)
All About Eve (1950)
All Quiet on the Western Front (1929)
Almost Famous (2000)
Alfie (1966)
American Beauty (1999)
American Graffiti (1973)
Amadeus (1984)
Annie Hall (1977)
All Quiet on the Western Front (1929)
Apocalypse Now (1979)
The Asphalt Jungle (1950)
Atlantic City (1981)
Bad Day at Bad Rock (1955)
Barton Fink (1991)
Basic Instinct (1992)
Ben-Hur (1959)
Being John Malcovich (1999)
The Big Carnival/Ace in the Hole (1951)
The Big Chill (1983)
The Big Lebowski (1998)
The Big Night (1996)
The Big Sleep (1946)
Birdman of Alcatraz (1962)
The Birds (1963)
The Blackboard Jungle (1955)
Blade Runner (1982)
Blood Simple (1984)
Blow-Up (1966)
Blue Velvet (1986)
Body Heat (1981)
Bonnie and Clyde (1967)
The Bridge on the River Kwai (1957)
Bringing up Baby (1938)
Boyz N the Hood (1991)
Broadcast News (1987)
Bus Stop (1956)
Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid (1969)
The Caine Mutiny (1954)
Carrie (1976)
Casablanca (1943)
Cat on a Hot Tin Roof (1958)
Chinatown (1974)
Citizen Kane (1941)
City Lights (1930)
Close Encounters of the Third Kind (1977)
The Conversation (1974)
Dances with Wolves (1990)
Days of Heaven (1978)
Das Boot (1982)
Dead Man Walking (1995)
Death of a Salesman (1951)
Deer Hunter (1978)
Diner (1982)
Dinner at Eight (1933)
Dirty Harry (1971)
Do the Right Thing (1989)
Doctor Zhivago (1965)
Dog Day Afternoon (1975)
Double Indemnity (1944)
Dr. Strangelove or How I Learned to
Stop Worrying and Love the Bomb (1964)
Easy Rider (1969)
The English Patient (1996)
ET: The Extra-Terrestrial (1982)
Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind (2004)
The Exorcist (1973)
Fargo (1996)
Fatal Attraction (1987)
Field of Dreams (1989)
Five Easy Pieces (1970)
Forrest Gump (1994)
French Connection, The (1971)

Full Metal Jacket (1987)
Gladiator (2000)
Grand Hotel (1931)
The Godfather (1972)
The Godfather Part II (1974)
Gone with the Wind (1939)
The Gold Rush (1925)
Goodfellas (1990)
The Graduate (1967)
The Grapes of Wrath (1940)
The Great Escape (1963)
The Grifters (1990)
High Noon (1952)
His Girl Friday (1940)
The Heart is a Lonely Hunter (1968)
Invasion of the Body Snatchers (1956)
The Hustler (1961)
In the Heat of the Night (1967)
Inherit the Wind (1960)
The Hours (2002)
The Insider (1999)
It Happened One Night (1934)
It's A Wonderful Life (1946)
Jaws (1975)
Judgment at Nuremberg (1962)
Kramer vs. Kramer (1979)
The Killers (1946)
Last Tango in Paris (1973)
Lenny (1974)
The Last Emperor (1987)
The Last Picture Show (1971)
The Last Tango in Paris (1973)
Lawrence of Arabia (1962)
L.A. Confidential (1997)
Lenny (1974)
Little Women (1932)
Local Hero (1983)
Lolita (1962)
Long Days Journey into Night (1962)
Lost in Translation (2003)
The Magnificent Ambersons (1942)
The Magnificent Seven (1960)
Magnolia (1999)
The Maltese Falcon (1941)
Marty (1955)
M*A*S*H (1970)
Manhattan (1979)
McCabe and Mrs. Miller (1971)
Mean Streets (1973)
Midnight Cowboy (1969)
Mildred Pierce (1945)
Million Dollar Baby (2004)
The Misfits (1961)
Modern Times (1936)
Mr. Smith Goes to Washington (1939)
My Left Foot (1989)
Mystic River (2003)
Nashville (1975)
Network (1976)
Nicholas and Alexandra (1971)
The Night of the Hunter (1955)
Ninotchka (1939)
North by Northwest (1959)
Notorious (1946)
Of Mice and Men (1939)
On the Waterfront (1954)
One Flew Over the Cookoo's Nest (1975)
Ordinary People (1980)
Out of Africa (1985)
Patton (1970)
The Pawnbroker (1965)
Paths of Glory (1957)
Platoon (1986)
The Player (1992)
The Postman Always Rings Twice (1946)
The Philadelphia Story (1940)
The Pianist (2002)
Picnic (1955)
Psycho (1960)
Pulp Fiction (1994)
Quiz Show (1994)
Raging Bull (1980)
Rain Man (1988)
Rear Window (1954)
Rebecca (1940)
Rebel Without a Cause (1955)
Red River (1948)
Reservoir Dogs (1992)

The Right Stuff (1983)
Rosemary's Baby (1968)
Saturday Night Fever (1977)
Schindler's List (1993)
The Searchers (1956)
Serpico (1973)
The Seven Samurai (1956)
sex, lies and videotape (1989)
The Shawshank Redemption (1994)
Sideways (2004)
Singin' in the Rain (1952)
Shakespeare in Love (1998)
Shane (1953)
Short Cuts (1993)
The Silence of the Lambs (1991)
Singin' in the Rain (1952)
Sleepless in Seattle (1993)
Some Like it Hot (1959)
Stagecoach (1939)
Stage Door (1937)
Star Wars (1977)
The Sting (1973)
Strangers on a Train (1951)
Sunset Boulevard (1950)
Taxi Driver (1976)
Tender Mercies (1983)
Terms of Endearment (1983)
Thelma and Louise (1991)
The Thing (1951)
The Thin Man (1934)
The Third Man (1950)
Titanic (1997)
The Treasure of the Sierra Madre (1948)
To Kill a Mockingbird (1962)
Touch of Evil (1958)
Traffic (2000)
Twelve Angry Men (1957)
Unforgiven (1992)
The Usual Suspects (1995)
Vertigo (1958)
West Side Story (1961)
Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf (1966)
The Wild Bunch (1969)
Witness (1985)
The Wizard of OZ (1939)
You Can Count on Me (2000)