

Saving Private Ryan (1998)

Questions for Discussion

1. How do we understand who the good and the bad guys are? How does the style of the scene convey the ideology that the Americans are the good ones?
2. The scene is considered realistic. What are the elements that make it seem realistic?
3. How do we know that the U.S. military operation is blessed?
4. The scene seems chaotic. It tries to convey the chaos of a battlefield. However, there is narrative order in chaos. How do we know, for example, that some things will happen before they do?
5. How is the cold-blooded killing of the German soldiers justified?
6. How many different characters can we distinguish in the first scene?
7. What is the most memorable moment and why?
8. Is this an anti-war scene?