Films for Essay II

Artists
*American Splendor* 2003 (Comic book artist Harvey Pekar; innovative, acclaimed film)
*Frida* 2002 (Frida Kahlo)
*Pollock* 2000 (Jackson Pollock; dir. by and starring Ed Harris)
*Artemisia* 1997 (Artemisia Gentileschi)
*Vincent & Theo* 1990 (Vincent Van Gogh & brother Theo; dir. Robert Altman)
*Lust for Life* 1956 (Vincent Van Gogh)
*Surviving Picasso* 1996 (Picasso viewed through the lens of his relationships with women; a Merchant/Ivory film)
*Camille Claudel* 1989 (sculptor; student and lover of Rodin)
*Sunday in the Park with George* (pointillist painter Georges Seurat) (a video of a musical play)

Composers/Musicians/Dancers
*Hilary and Jackie* 1994 (cellist Jacqueline du Près and her sister)
*32 Short Films about Glenn Gould* 1994 (pianist Glenn Gould)
*Amadeus* 1984 (Mozart and his contemporary, Salieri; dir. Milos Forman)
*Immortal Beloved* 1994 (Beethoven, played by Gary Oldman; with Isabella Rossellini)
*Round Midnight* 1986 (fictional bebop saxophonist Dale Turner, a composite of two real jazzmen, played by saxophonist Dexter Gordon; dir. Bertrand Tavernier)
*Bird* 1988 (Dir. Clint Eastwood’s tribute to saxophone great Charlie Parker, played by Forest Whitaker)
*Shine* 1996 (Geoffrey Rush’s Oscar for playing Australian pianist David Helfgott, who struggled with mental illness)
*De-Lovely* 2004 (Songwriter Cole Porter; Kevin Kline stars)
*Isadora* 1968 (modern dancer Isadora Duncan; Vanessa Redgrave stars)
*All That Jazz* 1979 (choreographer/director Bob Fosse; directed by Fosse, starring Roy Scheider and Anne Reinking)
*Lady Sings the Blues* 1972 (Diana Ross plays Billie Holliday)
*Sweet Dreams* 1985 (Country western singer Patsy Cline, played by Jessica Lange)
*Coal Miner’s Daughter* 1980 (Country western singer Loretta Lynn, played by Sissy Spacek; with Tommy Lee Jones)

Writers
*Sylvia* 2003 (poet Sylvia Plath, played by Gwyneth Paltrow)
*The Hours* 2002 (Virginia Woolf, as mediated by Michael Cunningham’s recent novel))
*Shakespeare in Love* 1998
*Angel at My Table* 1992 (Janet Frame)
*Impromptu* 1990 (19th-C. French writer Georges Sand and her lover, Frederic Chopin)
*Henry and June* 1990 (Henry Miller and Anaïs Nin)
*Stevie* 1978 (English poet Stevie Smith; stars Glenda Jackson)
*Hans Christian Andersen* 1952 (the fairy-tale writer, played by Danny Kaye; musical)

Math/Science/Technology
*A Beautiful Mind* 2001 (mathematician John Nash, played by Russell Crowe)
*Galileo* 1974 (Dir. Joseph Losey, based on Brecht’s play; large British cast)
*Madame Curie* 1943 (MGM; stars Greer Garson)
*Edison, the Man* 1940 (Spencer Tracy stars)
*Young Tom Edison* 1940 (Mickey Rooney stars)
*Tucker: The Man and His Dream* 1988 (automotive visionary Preston Tucker; dir. Francis Ford Coppola, Jeff Bridges stars)
*The Alexander Graham Bell Story* 1939 (stars Don Ameche and Henry Fonda)
*The Story of Louis Pasteur* 1936