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***The Last Samurai: Hollywood vs. History Project – Notes (30 Points)***

**Plot, or storyline, of The Last Samurai**:

**Settings:**

**Time period:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**Identify the struggles and personal conflicts of the following characters from The Last Samurai**

**Captain Algren:**

**Katsumoto:**

**Colonel Bagley:**

**Omura:**

**The Meiji Emperor:**

**Ujio:**

**Taka:**

**What group was portrayed as the villains of the movie - The Reformers or the Samurai?**

**What group was portrayed as the heroes of the movie – The Reformers or the Samurai?**

**Identify three specific examples from the movie that influenced your answer.**

**1.**

**2.**

**3.**

**What do you think the theme or message of The Last Samurai is**?

**Is the movie effective at getting its message across?**

**Identify three strengths of this movie. What do you think The Last Samurai did well?**

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**Identify three weaknesses of this movie. What aspects of The Last Samurai failed?**

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**Does this movie try to appeal to the viewer’s reason or emotion**?

**What stereotypes (generalization or popular belief about a specific group) were found in this movie?**

**What is your general opinion about the ending of The Last Samurai and the character of Captain Algren?**

**Explain in detail.**

**Daily Notes on The Last Samurai – Each day must include a brief summary of what you saw. Be sure to include specific notes that can be used during your presentation on your topic.**

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