

# '100 Best Films' to Become School Subject

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Mosfilm, a Moscow film studio, produced many of the most widely acclaimed films of the Soviet era.

The Culture Ministry is sifting through hours of film footage as it prepares to launch the best of national and international cinema as a subject in schools, Culture Minister Vladimir Medinsky said.

"We must now work out a system of coordinating with the Education and Science Ministry," Medinsky told a round-table discussion organized by the Russian Union of Cinematographers, Interfax reported.

It was unclear Sunday who would be in charge of the selection process or which films would make it onto the list, although Medinsky seemed to suggest Ivan Demidov, deputy culture minister with responsibility for cinema, would have a say.

Nikita Mikhalkov, a celebrated director and chairman of the Russian Union

of Cinematographers, backed the idea of including cinema in the school curriculum at the same event.

"These lessons should be at the very least extracurricular, but it would be better if they were part of the main school curriculum," he said.

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