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The Criterion Collection features the best classic and contemporary works of world cinema. Every Criterion Collection film available on Kanopy is a work of art – here are six suggestions to get you started!



Rashomon

Directed by cinematic master Akira Kurosawa, this riveting psychological thriller that investigates the nature of truth and the meaning of justice is widely considered one of the greatest films ever made (even earning it a reference on The Simpsons!).



Richard III

Laurence Olivier brings Shakespeare's masterpiece to ravishing cinematic life. Olivier is diabolically captivating as Richard, Duke of Gloucester, who, through a series of murderous machinations, steals the crown from his brother Edward.



Beauty and the Beast

Jean Cocteau's sublime adaptation of the fairy-tale--in which the pure love of a beautiful girl melts the heart of a feral but gentle beast--is a landmark of motion picture fantasy, with unforgettably romantic performances by Jean Marais and Josette Day.



The 400 Blows

This film sensitively re-creates the trials of director François Truffaut's own childhood, unsentimentally portraying aloof parents, oppressive teachers, and petty crime. Winner of Best Director and nominated for the Palm d'Or at the 1959 Cannes Film Festival.



Summertime

An American spinster's dream of romance finally becomes a bittersweet reality when she meets a handsome--but married--Italian man while vacationing in Venice. Katharine Hepburn's performance earned her a nomination for both a BAFTA and Academy Award.



Modern Times

Charlie Chaplin's last outing as the Little Tramp. With unforgettable gags and sly commentary on class struggle during the Great Depression, MODERN TIMES is a timeless showcase of Chaplin's untouchable genius as a director of silent comedy.