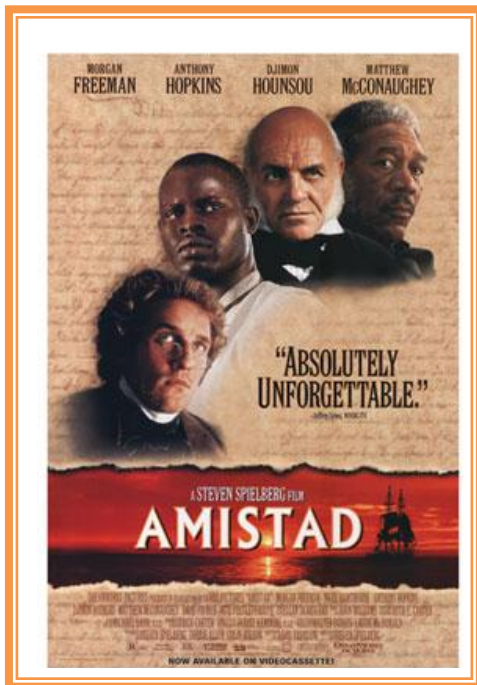


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Amistad (1997)

**Feb. 16, 2009
7:00 PM
at the
Renaissance
Theatre**

Directed by: Steven Spielberg

Written by: David Franzoni

Starring: Morgan Freeman, Anthony Hopkins, Nigel Hawthorne, Djimon Hounsou,
Matthew McConaughey

Synopsis

Amistad is a 1997 Steven Spielberg film based on the true story of a slave mutiny that took place aboard a ship of the same name in 1839, and the legal battle that followed. It shows how that, even though the case was won at the federal district court level, it was appealed by President Martin Van Buren to the Supreme Court, and how former President John Quincy Adams took part in the proceedings.

Movie Trivia

John Quincy Adams addresses the Supreme Court and states that when faced with trouble the Mende people invoke the help of their ancestors. As he mentions this we see a portrait of his father John Adams just over his left shoulder.

Djimon Hounsou learned Mende for his role as Cinque.