

## Candidate 4

### Ip Men

Ip Men is a movie about the real life Ip Men this person, a grandmaster of the martial art Wing Chun and the teacher of Bruce Lee. The film was directed by Wilson Yip and released in 2008. The film focuses on events in Ip's life that supposedly took place in the city FoShan during the Japanese War, how Ip refuses to surrender by Japanese military's threaten, even though the Japanese military is controlling China . By using Wing Chun to inspire others', to prove to Japanese that Martial Art Wing Chun shouldn't be neglect and Chinese will never their bow their head down to the influence.

This film background time is set as 1930s. Wing Chun is a kind of Southern Chinese martial arts, although Ip Men is the most skilled artist, he would rather spent his day with his friend and family instead of having any disciples, this suggests that Ip is a low-pitch person, he always put his family at first, until there is a guy intrude his home to challenge him and Ip Men defeat him decisively. Unfortunately, the Japanese invasion started in next few years, this film also record how Chinese are oppress by the Japanese and suffered a lot during this war, due to the lost in Battle of Shanghai, Chinese need to protect their capital Nanjing (the capital was changed to Beijing after the war), at the same time the japanese army started to invade Nanjing and other cities nearby, they split the army into two teams, one from the North, one from the South, including Foshan (where Ip men start Wing Chun). Foshan was being occupied by the Japanese, Ip is forced to work as a coolie for the Japanese. One day a Japanese colonel came and look for martial art talents to fight with them as their entertainment, and the translator knew that if someone win they will receive a bag of rice as their reward. The next day, Ip couldn't find Master Lin ,that's why Ip agrees to fight so he can find his friend . Ip watches fellow Foshan martial arts master Liu defeat one karateka, but then insist on fighting three and lose. When Liu attempts to collect reward from the match, a Colonel killed him. Barely able to contain his rage, Ip demands a match with ten Japanese at once to release his anger, the japanese turned to disabled after the match. Ip defeats all of them and not letting them to have any returning blows, his talent arouse the General's interest. The next day, Chow, friends with Ip, told Ip he didn't leave Foshan even though the city is occupied by Japanese due to support his workers, this makes Ip understand that everyone have their own mission , therefore Ip decided to teach the workers Wing Chun to let them to self defence, through not for a long time Shan turns up again and fight with the workers again, Ip stopped them after he arrived, and he make Shan's one ear deaf to drive him out the factory through a stick.

But Shan refuse to obey, he told one of the colonel, which cause the Japanese come to the caught Ip away, they plan to let Ip to teach Wing Chun but Ip refuse to teach them, then Ip said “我們武術是包含了哲理、武德，這是你日本人永遠都不明白的道理。因為你們濫用武力，將武力變成暴力，去欺壓別人。你們不配學我們中國武術” This quote means our martial art include philosophy and takenori , these are the concepts that Japanese will never understand . Because you all abuse it , turning martial art to violent to oppress others, you don't deserve to learn Chinese Martial art. As Ip think the Japanese abuse martial art , they made it like a tool to kill people master Lin is one of the example. Due to Ip Men is from a family with a good background, he knows someone from a higher social hierarchy, so he can get rid of coolie and change to the investigate and arrest department to work and he get trained at a military school, all these avoided him to get into trouble of the Japanese for a few year, after he graduate he went back to his hometown Foshan to work as a secretary. Good time never last, the situation of China continue to worsen, because of the leader Cheung command not to resist, the Japanese invade China's north east province easily, they set up and develop a brand new policy in province that located in the North East and renamed as Manchukuo, although these province are still part of China officially, obviously the whole administer system is controlled by Japanese. At this time Ip work in the intelligence department and try to start to teach Wing Chun again, which causes the Japanese found his track again. Ip ordered Chow to take his wife and son away to protect them and say “每個人走的路都是自己選的”, in here he told his wife everyone choose their own way and his way lead him to the final step to fight with the colonel even though Ip knows that he will gun shoot by the colonel as a punishment, moreover he still choose to take this challenge, because he believes that it's not only for himself, it for the Chinese. Ip fight hardly and found all the dignity back for the Chinese, the victory for Ip make the audience keep cheering for Ip, but as he expect, he is shoted by the colonel, but the translator think it's a bit over so he took his gun and shoot him back, finally Ip and his family through Chow's help and escaped to Hong Kong, in fact that he killed a Japanese officer during the war, that's why he escaped to Hong Kong and set up his first Wing Chun's school, because he don't want to implicate his family and relative he then changed his name after he arrived Hong Kong. Bruce Lee is one of the famous student from the school.

The Chinese are all frustrated and injuries are serious, which causes China are in disadvantaged, many country show their ambition to own China's land or as their own colony for trade in and out, as some China's province are near the sea or harbour. At that time, basically the men worked as a coolie in the factory or for the Japanese, the women and kids are forced to stay at the refugee camping area, which is not guaranteed that every family is going to stay together. If you want to survive you can only choose to obey their orders, if not you will get killed. This Japan War stopped until Japan surrender because America intervene and throw two atomic

bomb into two major cities in Japan, which leads to around 250 thousand people dead, owing to Japan raid America's harbour by not selling them any petrol for their ship.

In conclusion, Ip man this film record Ip Man this man's entire life with a little bit adaptation, with Ip Man as the leader to get rid of “Sick man of Asia” this term, which was given by the Japanese, portray how the Chinese once more find their passion in Wing Chun to pick up their self-esteem and supporting how the Chinese suffer and overcome that eight years of The Japan War as they both happened at the 1930s. Repression of Chinese appeared at in the coal and mine factory's scene, and Chinese entertaining the Japanese through “fighting” with them in Wing Chun. Not forcing down by the menace from Japan, using Chinese's own power to rouse people and international's attention, and enjoying the final victory at the end.

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