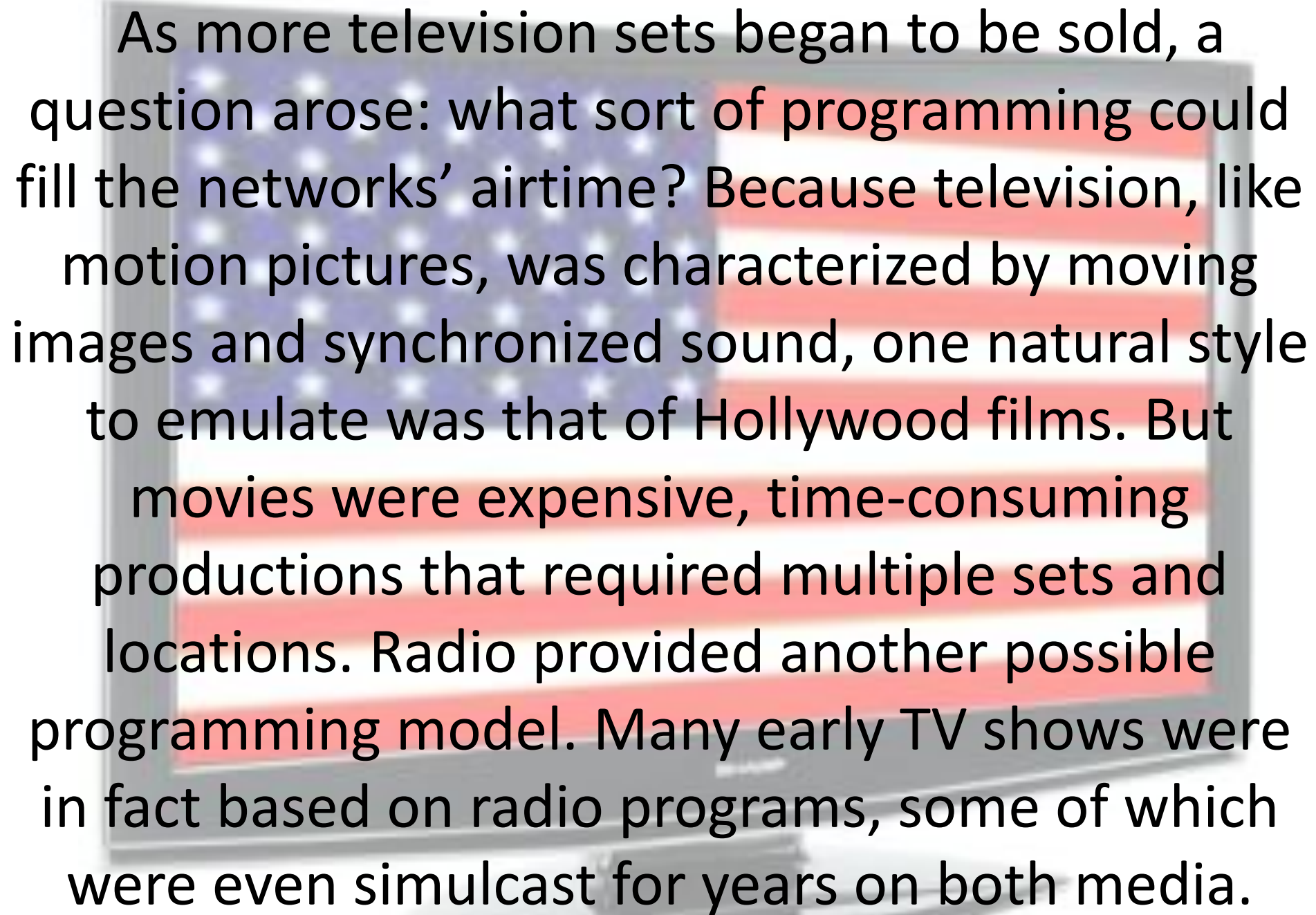


American Television

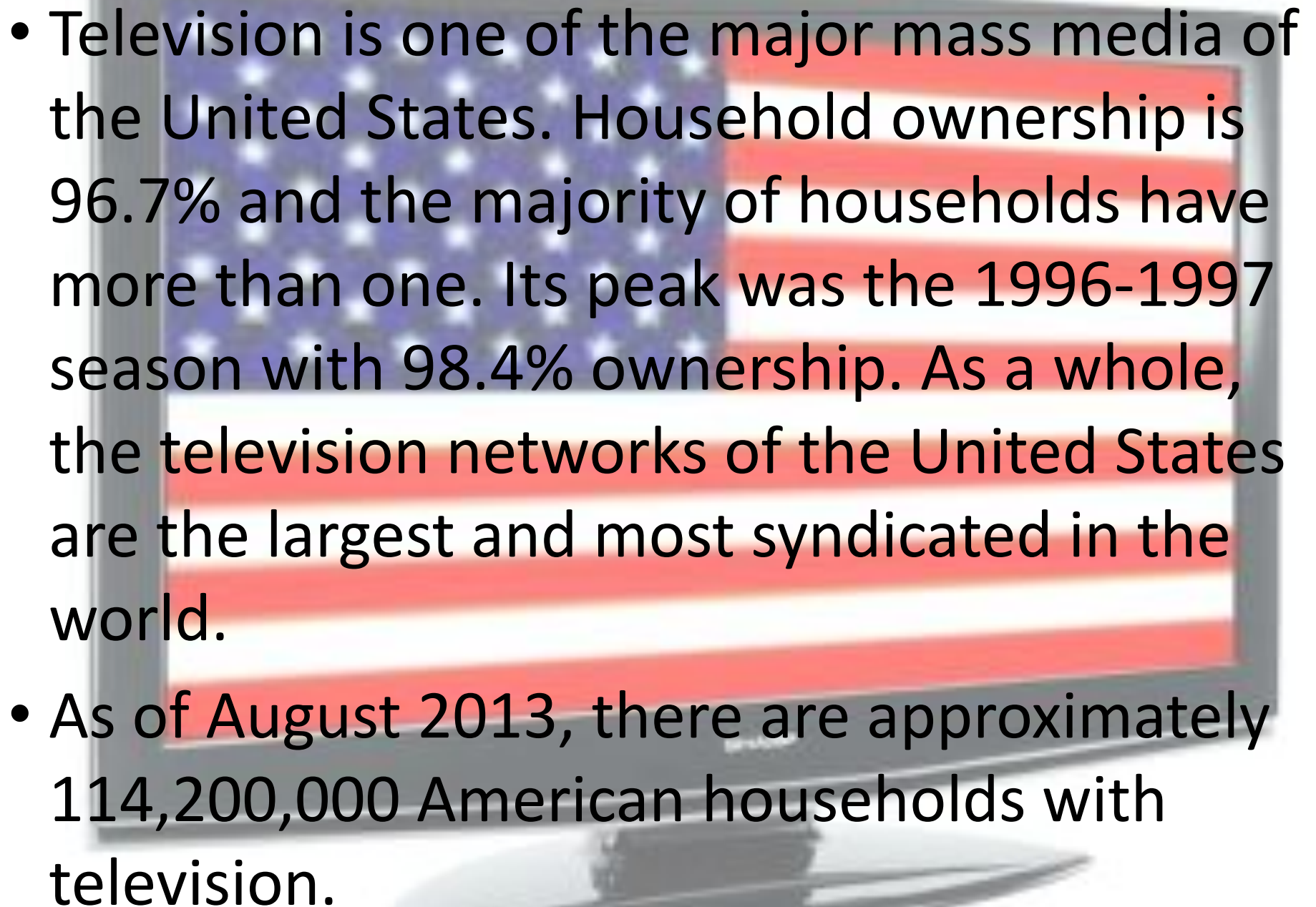
A television set is shown with an American flag on its screen. The flag is the 48-star version, with a blue field of stars in the upper left corner and red and white horizontal stripes. The television is a dark-colored CRT model with a visible stand at the bottom.

Television in the United States, the body of television programming created and broadcast in the United States.

American TV programs, like American popular culture in general in the 20th and early 21st centuries, have spread far beyond the boundaries of the United States and have had a pervasive influence on global popular culture.

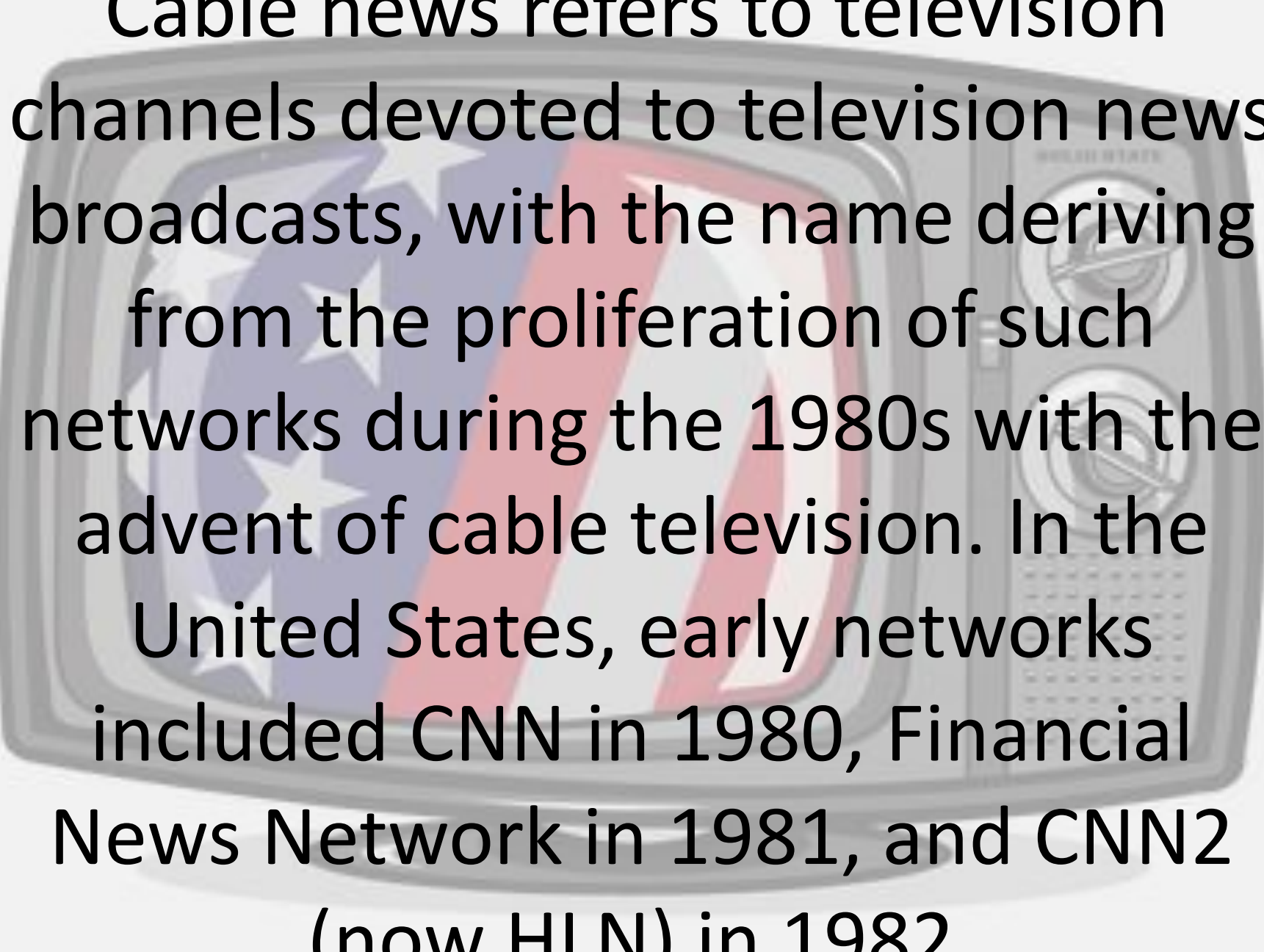
A vintage television set is shown with an American flag pattern on its screen. The text is overlaid on the screen area.

As more television sets began to be sold, a question arose: what sort of programming could fill the networks' airtime? Because television, like motion pictures, was characterized by moving images and synchronized sound, one natural style to emulate was that of Hollywood films. But movies were expensive, time-consuming productions that required multiple sets and locations. Radio provided another possible programming model. Many early TV shows were in fact based on radio programs, some of which were even simulcast for years on both media.

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- A television set is shown in the background, displaying the American flag. The text is overlaid on the screen.
- Television is one of the major mass media of the United States. Household ownership is 96.7% and the majority of households have more than one. Its peak was the 1996-1997 season with 98.4% ownership. As a whole, the television networks of the United States are the largest and most syndicated in the world.
 - As of August 2013, there are approximately 114,200,000 American households with television.



American Cable News



Cable news refers to television channels devoted to television news broadcasts, with the name deriving from the proliferation of such networks during the 1980s with the advent of cable television. In the United States, early networks included CNN in 1980, Financial News Network in 1981, and CNN2 (now HLN) in 1982.



msnbc

As the highest rated and most widely available cable news channels, CNN, Fox News Channel and MSNBC are sometimes referred to as the "Big Three".



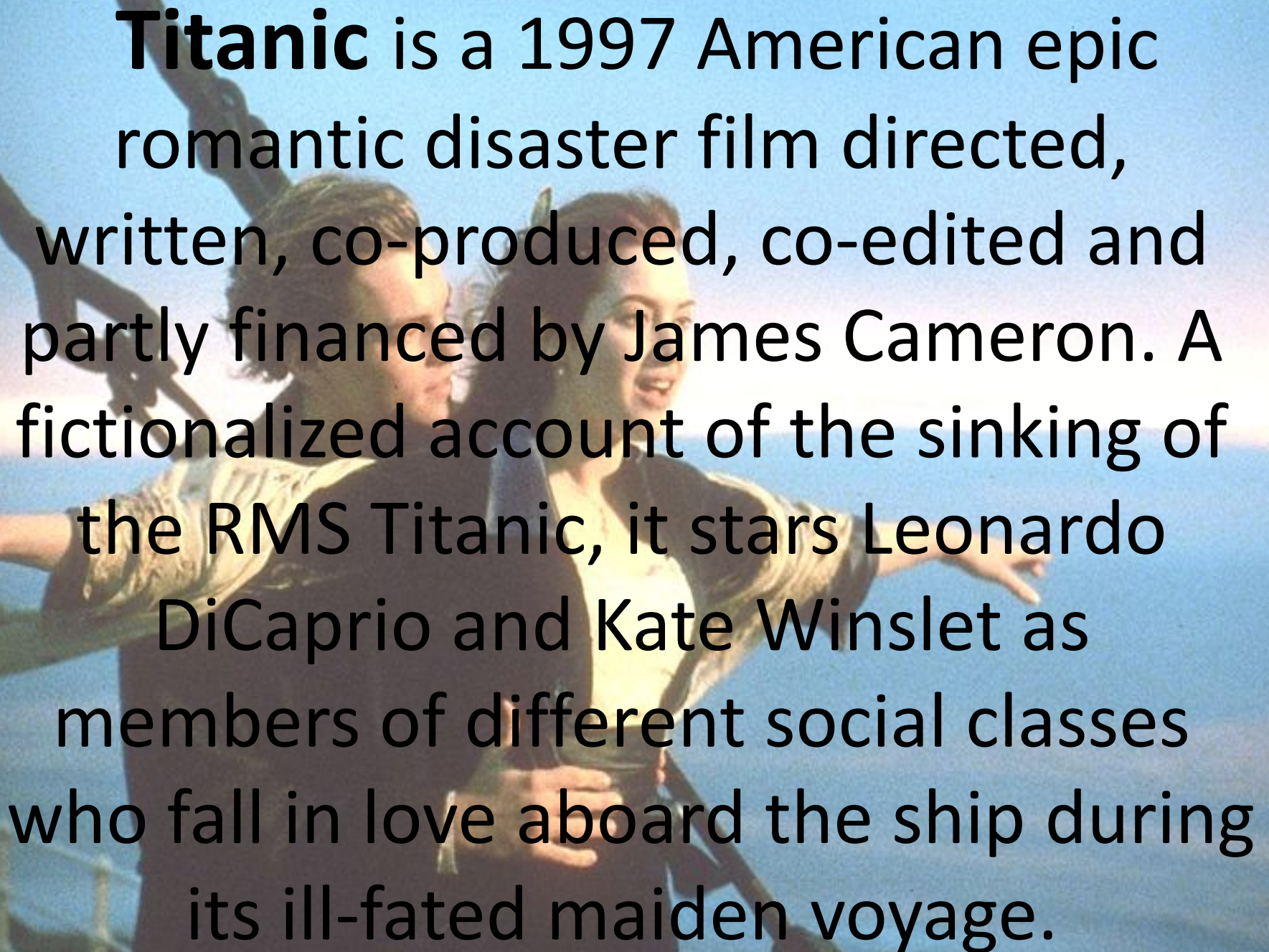
Hollywood

Hollywood is a district in Los Angeles, California, famous for its commercial area and entertainment industry, and a name used to represent the motion picture industry of the United States. It is also a highly diverse, densely populated, mostly immigrant, low-income residential

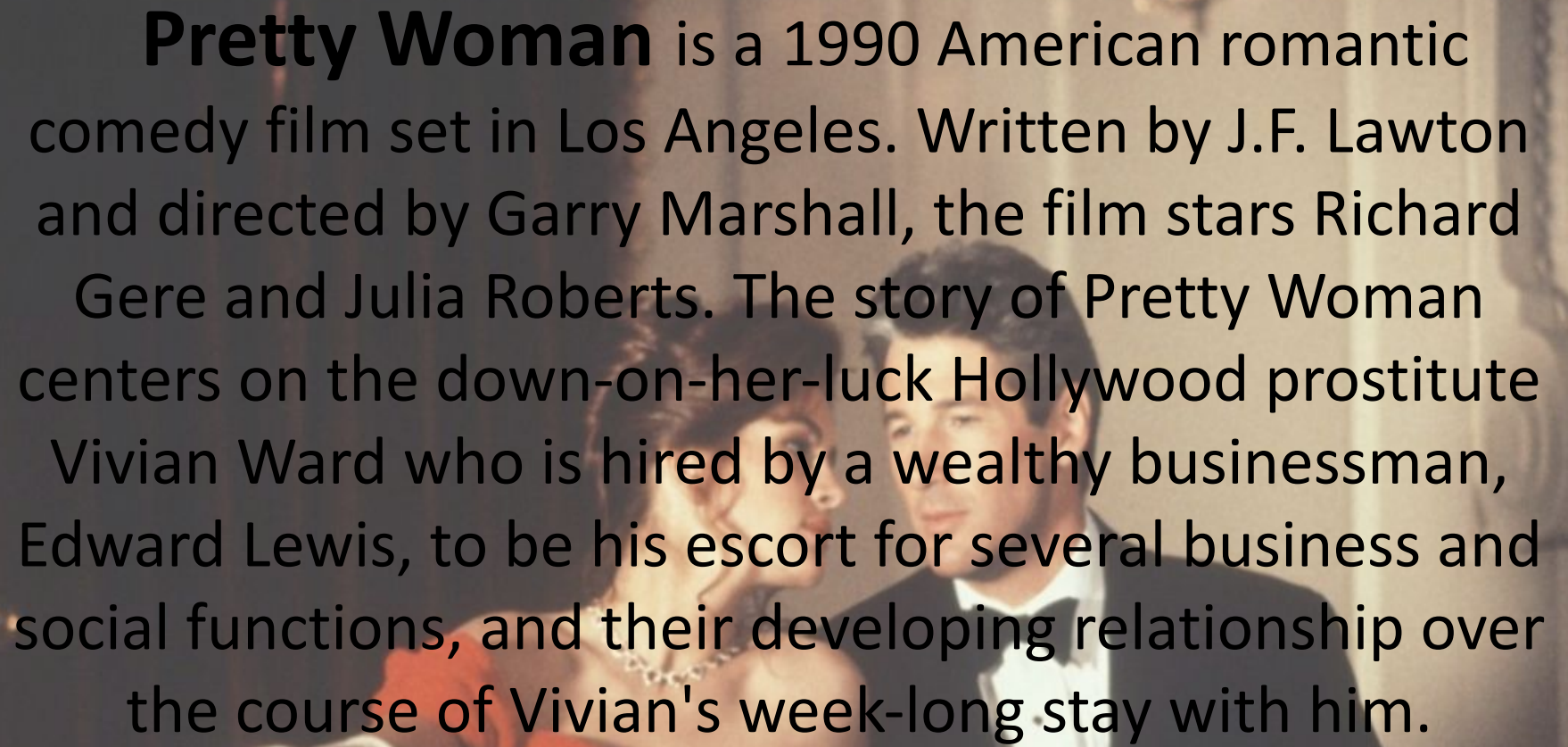
The image shows the Hollywood sign on a hillside in Los Angeles. The sign is made of large white letters and is set against a backdrop of dry, brownish vegetation and a clear blue sky. The sign is the central focus of the image, with the text 'Most popular Hollywood movies.' overlaid on it.

HOLLYWOOD

Most popular
Hollywood
movies.

A still from the movie Titanic showing Leonardo DiCaprio and Kate Winslet on the ship's deck. DiCaprio is on the left, wearing a white shirt and a dark jacket, looking towards Winslet. Winslet is on the right, wearing a white dress and a dark jacket, looking back at him. They are both holding hands. The background shows the ocean and a bright sky, suggesting a sunset or sunrise.

Titanic is a 1997 American epic romantic disaster film directed, written, co-produced, co-edited and partly financed by James Cameron. A fictionalized account of the sinking of the RMS Titanic, it stars Leonardo DiCaprio and Kate Winslet as members of different social classes who fall in love aboard the ship during its ill-fated maiden voyage.

A still from the movie 'Pretty Woman' showing Vivian Ward (Julia Roberts) in a red dress and Edward Lewis (Richard Gere) in a tuxedo. They are looking at each other in a close embrace.

Pretty Woman is a 1990 American romantic comedy film set in Los Angeles. Written by J.F. Lawton and directed by Garry Marshall, the film stars Richard Gere and Julia Roberts. The story of *Pretty Woman* centers on the down-on-her-luck Hollywood prostitute Vivian Ward who is hired by a wealthy businessman, Edward Lewis, to be his escort for several business and social functions, and their developing relationship over the course of Vivian's week-long stay with him.

Originally intended to be a dark cautionary tale about class and prostitution in Los Angeles, this motion picture was reconceived as romantic comedy with a large budget. It was widely successful at the box office, and it became one of the highest money-makers of 1990.

RICHARD GERE
JULIA ROBERTS



She walked off the street,
into his life
and stole his heart.

PRETTY WOMAN



Home Alone is a 1990 American family comedy film written and produced by John Hughes and directed by Chris Columbus. The film stars Macaulay Culkin as Kevin McCallister, an eight-year-old boy who is mistakenly left behind when his family flies to Paris for their Christmas vacation. Kevin initially relishes being home alone, but soon has to contend with two would-be burglars played by Daniel Stern and Joe Pesci. The film also features Catherine O'Hara and John Heard as Kevin's parents. As of 2009, *Home Alone* was the highest-grossing comedy of all time. It spawned a successful franchise, with four sequels and three video games.

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HOME ALONE

A FAMILY COMEDY WITHOUT THE FAMILY



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