DEVELOP GLOBAL COMPETENCE IN YOUR STUDENTS WITH OUR NATIONALLY-RECOGNIZED MIDDLE SCHOOL PROGRAM.

Middle school is prime time for global education. As teenagers develop emotionally, intellectually and socially, they begin forming worldviews. Studies show that these impressionable years provide an ideal period to expose students to other cultures and countries. “Seeing” the world helps to dispel myths and misconceptions, cultivate empathy and acceptance, and nurture a deeper understanding of our common human experience.

FOSTER GLOBAL AND CULTURAL COMPETENCE.

If current trends continue, by the year 2025 most job opportunities will be in Asia. In the next five years, Chinese will top English as the main language on the web. And the majority of growth for all industries will take place overseas.

Yet studies show that ignorance persists: Twenty-five percent of college bound high school students could not name the ocean that separates the U.S. from Asia. Two-thirds of young Americans could not locate Iraq on a map. More than eight out of ten students and adults did not recognize India as the world’s largest democracy with a population four times greater than the U.S.

The good news: nine out of ten students believe knowing more about the world is crucial to their futures. Preparing students to live and work successfully in the new global age, as well as to participate effectively in world leadership, requires helping them to cultivate a new worldview.

ENGAGE WITH THE WORLD THROUGH FILM.

Everyone loves a good movie. The immediacy and power of a visual story well told can often convey a message better than printed or spoken words. At its best, film can reach the emotions of students and inspire lively classroom discussions, thus potentially increasing the likelihood of understanding and analyzing concepts.

Journeys in Film has selected quality, age-appropriate foreign films which offer windows into our world, to the unique traditions, societies, values and humor of other cultures and countries. The films not only transport students beyond borders and boundaries; they move beyond lectures and textbooks to provide insight, transform preconceptions and prejudices, and foster genuine cultural understanding.

TURN MOVIES INTO EDUCATION.

The key to using movies for education is the quality of the discussion and activities that follow after the lights go on.

Journeys in Film chooses films about young people living in locations that students may otherwise never know. We strive to develop competencies in not only core subjects, but also topics which have become critical for students to learn more about—such as poverty and hunger; climate change; global health and pandemics; refugee issues; and media literacy.

Our standards-based curricula integrate multicultural worldviews expressed in the film with traditional classroom learning modes. Our curriculum guides walk teachers through lesson plans in math, science, social studies, language arts and media literacy specifically designed for each Journeys in Film title.

Through the Journeys in Film Middle School Program, educators move beyond teaching the basics: they nurture a higher order of thinking in their students to help them assimilate the complex, media-rich, and globalized world that awaits them.

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PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS

The Journeys in Film middle school curriculum guides are designed to be stand-alone lesson plans. However, teacher effectiveness is critical to student achievement. Most educators benefit from specialized instruction that increases their own global awareness while they learn how to maximize our prepared curricula.

Our workshops show...

- How to infuse a global perspective into the classroom with practical applications
- How to use film as a tool to engage and inspire students in active learning
- How to make math, science, social studies, and visual arts lessons come alive with film
- How to create strategies to increase parental and community involvement

Our workshops are customized for your school’s needs.

- Focus on specific disciplines (math, science, social studies, arts)
- After-school and summer-school programs
- Administrative strategies for school and district-wide integration
- Team planning for actual program implementation

Our workshops can be organized in different ways.

- Your school can co-host a workshop, bringing together participants from other local educational institutions – public, charter and independent. This enhances cohesive, cross-district learning while reducing costs to each participating institution.
- Your school can engage local businesses and community organizations who wish to support youth development, the arts or education
- Consider using Title II Professional Development dollars.

The value of the Journeys in Film Middle School Program workshops goes well beyond the one-time cost: participants return to their schools armed with superior teaching tools to share with fellow educators, thereby injecting global perspectives into other classrooms. Year after year, more and more students gain global understanding as teachers discover and share new ways to expand the reach of the program.

Journeys in Film can provide one-, two- or three-day professional development teacher workshops. Please contact us for more information about workshop rates and how we can best customize a workshop agenda to meet the needs of your school.

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