TEACHING WITH FILM

Narrative and documentary films can extend cross-cultural understanding and can foster meaningful discussions around important issues, topics, historical events and more.



INTRODUCE THE TOPIC(S) TO START

When you are using a film as a tool to discuss a specific topic, social issue or event, set the stage. Share background information that will enhance the viewing experience.

HONOR EXPERIENCES AND FEELINGS

Remind students/viewers that all experiences and feelings must be respected and honored, those of other viewers and those presented in the film. Verify ahead of time that the film and viewing space are accessible for all participants.

ASK OPEN-ENDED QUESTIONS

Select/create questions that encourage connection to the film and its characters and that cultivate deep engagement with the film's topic(s).



Remind viewers that watching the film with an open-mind will enhance their experience.

