



WILD & SCENIC[®] FILM FESTIVAL

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TK-2nd Grade Curriculum Overview

Discussion Questions: Discussion questions for each film are included to engage the class in conversations around the themes present in the films.

Lesson 1: Building Bravery

Accompanying Film: Brave Girl

Standard Alignment: CCSS: W.K.3, SL.K.5, SL.K.6, SL.1.1.B, S.L.1.3, SL.1.5, SL.2.1.B, SL.2.2, SL.2.3, SL.2.4

Lesson Overview: In the film Brave Girl, you meet Bennett, a self-proclaimed soccer player, librarian, scientist, explorer, and mountain climber, who already has a strong sense of her identity, passions, and dreams at the young age of 7. Brave Girl challenges herself to be courageous through mountain climbing and dreams about the biggest mountains she plans to climb. Through this activity, students will gain a stronger sense of self by engaging in a team building activity that challenges their listening skills and courage. They will also explore what makes them who they are and what makes them brave.

Lesson 2: Nature Needs Our Help

Accompanying Film: You Are Not Small

Standard Alignment: NGSS: K-ESS3-3. 2-ESS2-2

Lesson Overview: In the film, You Are Not Small, the effects of climate change and how human behavior impacts the environment are lamented by a little girl and she repeats her frustration: "Isn't there a way to make it stop?" She says: "The problems of the world are huge, and I am small, but there must be a way to make it stop!" In this activity, students will work as a class to conduct an audit of their classroom's waste. Students will then create a recycled art project of an item in nature. K-1st grade students will brainstorm with their class and teacher how they can reduce waste in the classroom, and 2nd grade will brainstorm with their teacher ways for them to reduce their impact on the environment.

Lesson 3: Totally About Toads

Accompanying Film: JoJo - A Toad Musical

Standard Alignment: CCSS: RF.K.2.A, L.K.1.F, W.2.8, L.2.1.F
NGSS: K.ESS3.1

Lesson Overview: In the film, JoJo - A Toad Musical, JoJo utilizes writing and reciting raps to express his love and enthusiasm for toads. In this activity, students will learn about the life cycle of toads, characteristics of toads, examples of different types of toads, and the difference between frogs and toads. Students will complete a cut-and-paste life cycle activity and a fill-in-the-blank toad story with their teacher to solidify their new knowledge and engage in creative expression about toads, just like JoJo!