



# *Reel to Real Teaching with Films*

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Reading to the HEART: A Family Reading Program**

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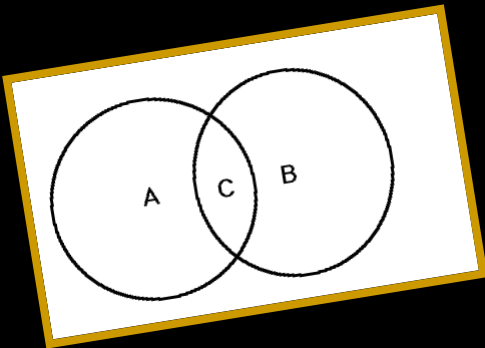
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## Teaching Tips:

**Graphic organizers can be used to guide discussions.**

- After watching a film, use a Venn diagram to compare and contrast characters. Include motives and how the characters changed throughout the film.
- Have youth complete a cause-and-effect chart on events in the film.
- Use a storyboard chart to help youth illustrate the main events.



**Cause and Effect**

Directions: Identify the causes and effects of events in the story.

Cause	Effect

**Storyboard**

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Period: \_\_\_\_\_




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## **Using Films to Facilitate Learning:**

**Viewing and discussing films or film clips help youth gain skills in storytelling, critical thinking, writing, character building and problem-solving**

- Movies can be used to teach specific aspects of life and living, and to provide character education.
- The key to using movies for education is the quality of discussions and activities that follows viewing of the film.
- Using creative discussion strategies can be effective methods of drawing reluctant readers into story analysis and examination.

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## **References:**

Select books and the accompanying video/movie clip that teaches a leadership or character education skill. Have your program participants read the book and watch the video/movie clip based on the book. Start a discussion by comparing the book to the video/movie clip and then move into personal application questions. This design invites learners of all types to be comfortable talking about any topic and gets them speaking openly faster than a lecture.

- Film Clips for Character Education  
<http://filmclipsonline.com/>
- Discovery Education *streaming*  
<http://streaming.discoveryeducation.com/index.cfm>
- Teach with Movies  
<http://www.teachwithmovies.org/index.html>
- Learning to Give  
<http://learningtogive.org/>
- Leadership Development Program  
[http://www.fireleadership.gov/toolbox/documents/lead\\_in\\_cinema.htm](http://www.fireleadership.gov/toolbox/documents/lead_in_cinema.htm)