

## **Web Resources for Teaching about Families and Youth with Film and Television**

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### **Information and Resources for Teaching with Film or Television**

**Teach with Movies** ([www.teachwithmovies.com/](http://www.teachwithmovies.com/)).

Limited number of free lesson guides to accompany films; subscription gets access to the full library.

**F.I.L.M. (Finding Inspiration in Literature and Movies)**. ([www.youthfilmproject.org](http://www.youthfilmproject.org))

From the site: *The literacy and film program encourages youth associated with National Collaboration for Youth organizations to screen the program's featured films, read the books associated with the movies, utilize the activity guides, and partake in related service projects.* Current guides for the films, "Hoot", "Glory Road," "Dreamer" and "Because of Winn-Dixie."

**PBS TeacherSource**: ([www.pbs.org/teachersource](http://www.pbs.org/teachersource))

Provides nearly 3,000 free lesson plans and activities for educators tied to PBS programming and correlated to local and national standards

**Teaching with Film**: ([www.salzburgseminar.org/ASC/csac/progs/EFL/FILM.htm](http://www.salzburgseminar.org/ASC/csac/progs/EFL/FILM.htm) ).

Information by Kitty Johnson, USIA English Teaching Fellow

**Department of French – Teacher's Guide to Teaching with Film:**

([www.virginia.edu/french/resource/films/filmteach\\_guide.htm](http://www.virginia.edu/french/resource/films/filmteach_guide.htm)).

This site offers some good, basic information relevant to any teaching situation.

**Robert E. Yahnke, University of Minnesota. Resources for Teaching Film:**

([www.tc.umn.edu/~yahnk001/filmteach/teach.htm](http://www.tc.umn.edu/~yahnk001/filmteach/teach.htm))

Dr. Yahnke offers summaries of about 3 dozen films, and activities used in teaching films in his college course on introductory film.

**Film Education**: ([www.filmeducation.org](http://www.filmeducation.org) ).

This site out of the UK provides free educational materials, organizes training courses, conferences, workshops, seminars and events including National Schools Film Week.

**Museum of Broadcast Communications:** ([www.museum.tv/home.php](http://www.museum.tv/home.php))

Great source of information about television programming, history, and news. Includes an encyclopedia of television.

**Association for Psychological Science Teaching Tips/Teaching Psychology through Film and Video**, R.J. Green, Texas A & M-Commerce.  
([www.psychologicalscience.org/teaching/tips/tips\\_0703.cfm](http://www.psychologicalscience.org/teaching/tips/tips_0703.cfm))

Very thorough list of reasons for teaching with film; excellent overview of practical suggestions for making the most from the teaching experience.

**Academy for the Art of Teaching: Tips on Film or Video Viewing in the Classroom**  
([academy.fiu.edu/aatarticles/CourseManagement/filmorvideoviewing.html](http://academy.fiu.edu/aatarticles/CourseManagement/filmorvideoviewing.html) )

Basic tips on using film in teaching. Great links to others information on teaching within the site.

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### **Finding Film and Television Titles**

**Movie Mom** -book and website ([movies.yahoo.com/mv/moviemom/](http://movies.yahoo.com/mv/moviemom/) )

The book categorizes films by values presented; the website offers Nell Minnow's grades for films and gives the age group the film is most suitable

[The Movie Mom's Guide to Family Movies, Editor: Nell Minow, Publisher: iUniverse, Inc.; 2nd edition (July 26, 2004) **ISBN:** 0595320953]

**Internet Movie Database:** [www.IMDB.com](http://www.IMDB.com)

Complete information on a film or television program. This is the Bible for finding information on movies and television shows.

**Screen It** ([www.screenit.com](http://www.screenit.com) )

Reviews of films, with information regarding ratings and standards. Terrific site for finding out the specific positive or objectionable elements of a film. Ever wonder just how PG a PG film is? Or the difference between a PG-13 and an R? This the the site to check out.

**Metacritic** ([www.metacritic.com/film](http://www.metacritic.com/film) ) and  
**Rotten Tomatoes** ([www.rottentomatoes.com](http://www.rottentomatoes.com))

Reviews of films, with a summary score. An easy way to find out quickly just how good a film is, by more than your local critic. Metacritic features reviews of tv, books, music as well. Rotten Tomatoes includes reader boards, links to aspects of the films (trailers, posters, etc.)