

PUBLIC VOTING BALLOT

TEACHER'S CLASSROOM GUIDE

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You and your students are invited to participate in this selection of special award films in the MY HERO International Film Festival. This ballot features outstanding short films that will promote lively discussions focusing on themes of heroism and effective storytelling.

INTRODUCTION:

Before you begin, introduce your class to the myhero.com website and our mission:

The mission of The MY HERO Project is to use media, art, and technology to celebrate the best of humanity, one story at a time. MY HERO provides millions of people of all ages with stories of hope and inspiration.

SCREENING:

Open the online ballot and begin screening the films for the class. We suggest that you pause after each film and initiate a dialogue about the film's content. Have your students take notes regarding the following criteria.

CRITERIA FOR JUDGING SHORT HERO FILMS:

Originality - Is it an original idea or concept? Unique theme or point of view?

Creativity - Use of creative approach to storytelling? Creative camerawork, sound & editing?

Emotion Effectiveness - Were you moved emotionally? Did you feel connected to the story? Are you motivated to take action?

Directing - How well is the overall film put together? Is the story cohesive? Is there a clear beginning, middle, and end? Do you sense a unique voice in the director's style?

Technical Quality (Editing, Picture, Sound) - Evaluate the technical quality of the picture, sound, and editing. **Picture:** is the camerawork steady, in focus, and framed interestingly? Rate the quality of the image - Is it stunning? captivating? breathtaking? **Sound:** Is the sound quality clear, easy to hear, is the dialogue distinguishable? Does the use of music move the story along, or does it distract from the narrative? **Editing:** Does the pace of the editing work with the story? Were you ever bored?

Does it seem as if the film needs more editing? Is it too long? Does the editing rhythm leave you feeling satisfied and connected to the theme of the story?

FILM DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

How does this film relate to heroism?

Who is the hero or heroic organization in this film?

What is the issue raised in the film?

Does this film motivate you to take action about an issue?

Does the film elicit an emotional response?

After a lively discussion you can watch the film a second time (if time permits), considering the judging criteria for a more in-depth appreciation for the films.

SUBMIT YOUR STUDENTS' VOTE! Your students are now ready to vote for their favorite film. You will tally the results and cast one vote for each class participating on the Online Ballot. Thank you for taking part in our International Film Festival!

QUESTIONS OR WAIVER CODE REQUESTS:

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