

Leadership in Cinema



Wildland Fire Leadership Development Program

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Director: Sam MendesReleased: 2005
Genre: Biography/DramaAudience Rating: R
Runtime: 125 minutes

Warning: Know your audience before viewing. The “F” bomb is dropped many times in these clips. This movie is based on a book by LC/PFC Swofford.

Watch:

Section 14 – Commence Combat

Section 15 – Hell of a Day

Section 16 – Love this Job

Encourage students take notes while watching video sections pertaining to Duty, Respect, Integrity as found on pages v, vi, vii, viii in IRPG.

Discuss notes pertaining to operational leadership with the group.

Cast of Main Characters

Jamie Fox Sgt. Sykes
Jake Gyllenhaal LC/PFC Swofford (“Swoff”)
Peter Sarsgaard..... Cpl Alan Troy
Evan Jones.....PFC Fowler
Lucas Black LCpl Chris Kruger

Facilitator Discussion Notes

1. Sykes leadership of his troops through the mortar attack and the friendly fire incident demonstrated elements of duty, respect and integrity.
2. Have class identify which elements and discuss.
3. Stop tape after A-10 scene as they regroup and head north.
4. Sykes showed genuine concern for his troops during the Highway of death scene and the oil field scene.
5. Discuss his tactics to dig in then leave after the wind shift.
6. Stop tape and discuss.
7. The scene with Fowler and the corpse showed that the company policed itself (Swoff and Troy). They set the example and looked out for the well-being of others.
8. The scene where Sykes talks to Swoff about his situation and dedication to the job has a close resemblance to our fire organization. Good discussion point.

(End of clips.)