

FREEDOM WRITERS

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Freedom writers, directed by Richard LaGravenese, is a massively popular dramatic film featuring Ms. Gruwell's experience teaching at a high school in Long Beach, California. The events described in the film take place in the mid-1990s against the backdrop of deep racial tensions in the aftermath of the Rodney King beating by police officers.

What makes this such a fascinating view is that it features a true story of a teacher named Erin, who intends to help a group of students that can't even see each other without starting a fight. One of the most intriguing characters is Eva, who since childhood has watched her dad being unfairly arrested and mistreated. Just as her, in the class there are many other students that have gone through similar injustices such as Andre, Marcus, Sindy and others. Eventually, after hard work and a lot of sacrifice, Erin ends up succeeding in getting the students to respect each other and in creating a space of unity and community in which everyone can trust each other and tell their story without being judged.

The film deals thoroughly with the theme of tolerance, as the protagonist tried to show her students that the situation in which they found themselves was not unique: their own lives were not so different; on the contrary, they all suffered from very similar problems. This is why she invites them to read the Diary of Anna Frank. From this reading, the class begins to behave better. Following this, the teacher suggests that they write a personal diary, in which they can write about their past.

All in all, I would totally recommend this movie. It teaches several values such as the importance of respecting your peers , and reminds you to always be understanding and never to judge a person before getting to know them .

