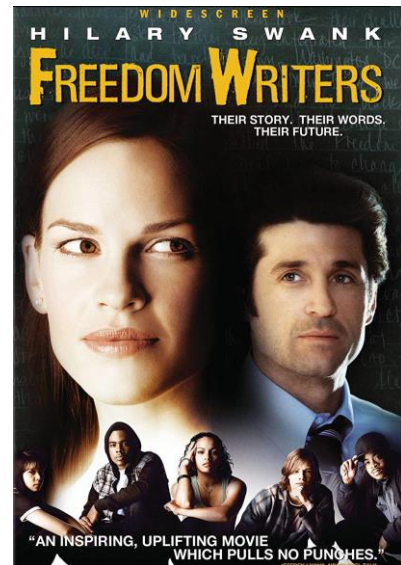


## A must-see movie to unveil a deep rooted conflict

How can a simple movie cover such a variety of essential topics? Directed by Richard LaGravenese, “**Freedom Writers**” raises some of the most controversial issues of the current society. Based on a true story, this drama film features a number of famous actors such as Patrick Dempsey, Imelda Staunton and Hilary Swank.



Set in 1994, Long Beach California, the film introduces us to a society where **violence and racial discrimination** underlie its very essence. Erin Gruwell, the leading character, is a rookie English teacher who has taken up a job at Woodrow Wilson High School. With idealistic thoughts, she challenges herself to make the students of her class respect and tolerate each other but ends up achieving much more than that, she is able to turn **classroom 203** and its members into a family.



It’s amazing how this story still has the power to reach people’s heart and build awareness on subject matters such such as discrimination, **anti-violence gangs**, peace and tolerance, **overcoming adversities** and finding success. Not only do the actors remain truthful to the essence of the person they are representing, but also the script clearly illustrates the situation the

American society was going through at the time.

I would strongly recommend “Freedom Writers” to those who are seeking for a better understanding of the topics mentioned above. Also, if you are a high school student you can’t miss this masterpiece as it will **open your mind** and help you become a more empathetic person, a quality that can be really hard to find nowadays. Go and see it, you’ll be amazed.