

Freedom writers

I AM A GREAT FAN OF DRAMATIC FILMS AND THOUGH THIS ONE IS SET IN 1994, THE EVENTS TOLD STILL HAPPEN IN THE MODERN DAY. DIRECTED BY RICHARD LAGRAVENESE, WHO BASED IT ON A TRUE STORY, "FREEDOM WRITERS" DEVELOPS IN A HIGH SCHOOL IN LOS ANGELES FOR AT-RISK STUDENTS.

WHO DOESN'T FEEL MOVED BY THE PLOT? WILLING BUT UNPREPARED TO CHANGE THE BROKEN EDUCATION SYSTEM, ERIN GRUNWELL, A PRIVILEGED WHITE WOMAN, STARTS HER FIRST JOB AS AN ENGLISH TEACHER. SHE FACES THE REALITY, WHICH INCLUDES MANY STUDENTS AS GANGSTERS, RIVALRIES BETWEEN THEM, THEIR DISINTEREST IN STUDYING AND THE UNWILLINGNESS OF THE GOVERNMENT TO CONTRIBUTE TO THEIR STUDY PROCESS. STILL SHE DECIDES TO STAY AND MAKE A CHANGE. AS A CONSEQUENCE OF HER HARD WORK, HER LIFESTYLE AS WELL AS HER PERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS TURN OUT TO BE AFFECTED



THE MOVIE REFLECTS EACH STUDENT'S STORY AND HOW ERIN ENCOURAGES THEM TO TELL IT. THIS WASN'T AN EASY TASK FOR SOMEONE WHO AT FIRST DIDN'T HAVE HER STUDENTS' TRUST. AFTER A WHILE, SHE SUCCEEDED BY SHOWING THEM A REAL WAR, THE HOLOCAUST. THEY FELT IDENTIFIED WITH ANNE FRANK'S STORY AND WERE LUCKY ENOUGH TO MEET THOSE WHO SURVIVED, APART FROM, VISITING THE LA HOLOCAUST MUSEUM. DESPITE THE GENERAL BELIEF OF THOSE AROUND THEM, THE STUDENTS DID NOT ONLY CONTINUE ATTENDING ERIN'S CLASSES BUT ALSO DREAMT ABOUT GOING TO COLLEGE - THIS IS AN INSPIRATIONAL ANGLE TAKEN AT THE THEMES OF FAILURE AND SUCCESS.

TO SUM UP, EVEN THOUGH IT IS A PREDICTABLE FILM IT'S COMPLETELY WORTH VIEWING. SO, IF YOU WANT TO WATCH SOMETHING THAT YOU'LL ENJOY AND WHICH HAS A LASTING MESSAGE, THEN "FREEDOM WRITERS" IS THE ONE TO CHOOSE.