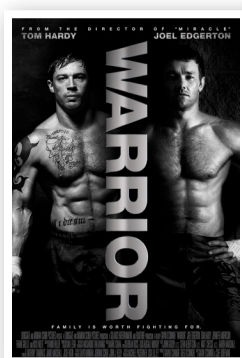




Warrior



Synopsis

Rising stars Tom Hardy and Joel Edgerton command the screen as two estranged brothers facing the fight of a lifetime in Lionsgate's WARRIOR, a moving, inspirational action drama from acclaimed director Gavin O'Connor (*Miracle*).

Haunted by a tragic past, Marine Tommy Conlon (Hardy) returns home for the first time in fourteen years to enlist the help of his father (Nick Nolte) to train for Sparta, the biggest winner-takes-all event in mixed martial arts history. A former wrestling prodigy, Tommy blazes a path toward the championship while his brother, Brendan (Edgerton), an ex-fighter-turned teacher, returns to the ring in a desperate bid to save his family from financial ruin. But when Brendan's unlikely, underdog rise sets him on a collision course with the unstoppable Tommy, the two brothers must finally confront each other and the forces that pulled them apart, facing off in the most soaring, soul stirring, and unforgettable climax that must be seen to be believed.

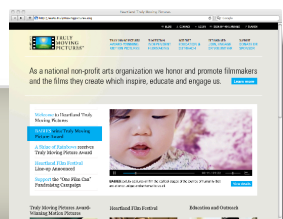
Warrior stars Joel Edgerton (*Animal Kingdom*, *Star Wars: Episode III*), Tom Hardy (the upcoming *The Dark Knight Rises*, *Inception*, *Black Hawk Down*), Jennifer Morrison ("*House*", *Star Trek*) and Nick Nolte (*Tropic Thunder*, *The Thin Red Line*). Directed by Gavin O'Connor. Screenplay by Gavin O'Connor & Anthony Tambakis & Cliff Dorman; story by Gavin O'Connor & Cliff Dorfman. Lionsgate and Mimran Schur Pictures present a Lionsgate / Mimran Schur Pictures production. A Solaris Entertainment and Filmtribe production.

Discussion Questions

- What is it that Tommy and Brendan's father did that split the family apart? In what ways has he tried to change after his wife and Tommy left him? Why did Brendan not allow him to visit his own family?
- Do you think Brendan liked to fight? Or do you believe he did it just because he had been trained to do so and needed to make money for his family? Do you think Tommy liked to fight? What was his primary motivation for fighting?
- Throughout the film Brendan, Tommy and their father talk about what happened in the past and the ways they grew apart, sometimes violently. Why do you think Brendan and Tommy turned out so differently even though they grew up together?

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- The relationship between the brothers, and between each brother and their father, are strained and broken. What steps does Brendan take to repair his relationship with his brother? What steps does their father take to repair relationships with each son? Why won't they let him attempt to repair the relationship?
- Did the way this film examined relationships help you look at relationships in your own life any differently? Can you identify with growing apart from siblings or other family members? If so, how have you tried to repair these relationships?
- In their final fight, Tommy and Brendan finally are forced to face each other, and all of their problems boil down to just a few minutes in the cage together. What thoughts are going through their heads as they stare each other down?
- Brendan says he is fighting for his family and a place to live, but Tommy's intentions are less clear. What do you think Tommy is truly fighting for?

Do Your Research

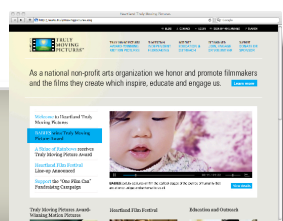
- MMA has become a widely popular sport, mixing various combat sport styles from over the years. Do some research into the history of MMA and the various styles that it now incorporates. Why do you think MMA has become so popular? Why do you think combat sports in general have remained popular over the centuries?

Get Involved

- In the film, Tommy and his father train so that Tommy can become more disciplined and dedicated in the cage. Brendan has his old friend train him so that he can be at the top of his game. Both fighters grow in character by learning perseverance, diligence and courage as they train. Is there a sport you could become involved in so you could learn similar character traits? Do you know people whose lives could be turned around by being involved in a character-building sport? How could you get them involved?
- As you saw in the film, repairing relationships requires effort. Think of your life and any relationships you would like to repair. How can you begin to work towards repairing these relationships? What in your life is worth fighting for?

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