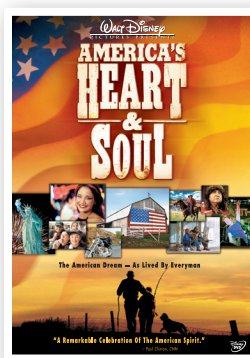




AMERICA'S HEART AND SOUL



Synopsis

America is a vast country - three thousand miles from end to end. But it's not the land that makes America so special - it's the people. Filmmaker Louis Schwartzberg packed up his camera and hit the road, with a goal of capturing both the unparalleled beauty of the land and the incomparable spirit of the people.

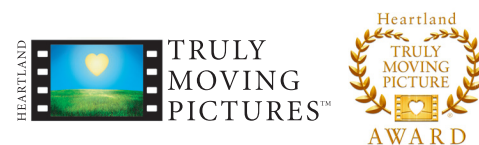
Discussion Questions

- There was a lot about freedom mentioned in the film. What do you think freedom means? How do you understand freedom in your own life, living in this country?
- The United States is an expansive country with countless places to visit. What places in this country are you most interested in visiting? Why do you want to go to these places? What would you want to do or see in that place?
- Each one of the people interviewed in the movie seemed to be really good at something. Is there one thing at which you feel like you excel? Is this something that you can do throughout your life?
- What is at least one thing that all of the people interviewed in the film have in common? Do you also have this thing in common with them? How?



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Activities

- Pick the one story that you were most interested in the film and learn more about that occupation or hobby.
- Create your own American flag to display in your room or somewhere else in your house. Try using unique materials beyond construction paper.
- In this film you were able to see some of the many different cultures that exist within our one country. What is your own unique culture? Make a collage of pictures and words that help express and define your culture.

Get Involved

Be an American hero by taking a cue from some of the shining examples of American heroes in the film. We saw a man who rescued an eagle and nursed it back to health. We saw a father who helped his son with Cerebral Palsy run marathons. We saw churchgoers join together to help feed the homeless. What can you do to be a hero?

- Volunteer at a homeless shelter or at a soup kitchen to help feed those who can't feed themselves.
- Volunteer in an animal rehabilitation center.
- Raise money for the Special Olympics.



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