

# **GLORY ROAD**



### Synopsis

*Glory Roa*d tells the inspiring true story of the underdog Texas Western basketball team. The Texas Western Miners played history's first all African American starting lineup and took the country by storm, surprising many by winning the 1966 NCAA tournament title.

## **Discussion Questions**

- *Glory Road* is set during the peak of the Civil Rights Movement. What situations in the movie stood out to you as being very different from how people are treated today? Did this film help you understand why the Civil Rights Movement is such an important part of America's history?
- Coach Don Haskins and the team members of the Texas Western Miners are challenged to confirm their core beliefs and values, and to stand up for what they know is right. Like Haskins and his team, have you ever stood up for what you know is right? How?
- In your opinion, why was the true story behind Glory Road such an important story to tell?

#### Activities

• Referring to the Texas Western Miners' win in 1966, Director of *Glory Road*, Jerry Bruckheimer stated in the "*Glory Road* Production Notes," "it is really important to memorialize individuals who change the world for the better and that's what Coach Don Haskins did with that team, that year!" Think about how you can memorialize an event that means a lot to you in your life.



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There are many ways to memorialize an event. Here are some ideas to get you started:

- •Conduct an interview with people who took part in the event and use this information to write a short story
- Create a screenplay for a short film
- Record a documentary of the event
- Write a song about the event.
- Make sports an important part of your routine. Use *Glory Road* as way to inspire your family to take part in a once weekly family basketball game or any other activity that involves teamwork and communication.

#### Take Action

- People fight against stereotypes and discrimination in the film, *Glory Road.* Think of some ways you can fight stereotypes in your own community. Whether it is hosting a cultural fair or attending extracurricular events that you don't normally attend, there are many opportunities to meet new friends and learn about lots of different people.
- As depicted in the film, sports have the power to bring people together. Think about putting on a fundraiser to support a community sports team or gather old sports equipment to donate to



struggling leagues so that all youth have the opportunity to participate in sports and learn the value of teamwork.

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