



The Music Never Stopped



Synopsis

A father struggles to bond with his estranged son Gabriel, after Gabriel suffers from a brain tumor that prevents him from forming new memories. With Gabriel unable to shed the beliefs and interests that caused their physical and emotional distance, Henry must learn to embrace his son's choices and try to connect with him through music.

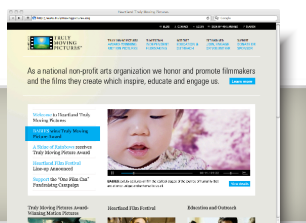
Discussion Questions

- As the film progresses, it becomes clear that something caused a deep rift between Gabriel and Henry. What sort of differences arose between them that caused such a split?
- What are some of the generational differences between Henry and Gabriel? How does their music differ, and the way they dress and talk to people?
- Think about what music means to both Henry and Gabriel. Henry enjoys older, slower music, and can't understand what Gabriel finds appealing about his rock and roll. What does Gabriel's music mean to him, and why? In what ways has it been such a powerful force in his life?
- Why does Henry find it so difficult to relate to Gabriel, besides the obvious differences in musical taste? In what ways does Henry still feel that Gabriel is his little boy, and will grow up to be exactly like him?
- How does Gabriel's mother help facilitate the family's ongoing survival while Gabriel is in the hospital? What would it mean for a housewife in the 1970's to go back into the workforce?



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- What does Dianne Daley’s research have to offer Gabriel? What does her research have to offer Henry and Helen?
- How does Dianne go about discovering the powerful imprint music has left on Gabriel’s brain? What sort of effect does music have on you? Do you empathize with the way Gabriel feels about his own music?

Do Your Research

- Learn more about brain injuries by visiting the Brain Injury Association of America’s website here: www.biausa.org. In what ways do brain injuries impact a person’s life? How does brain injury affect the lives of loved ones?
- Learn about the relation between music and the brain. Do your own research on music therapy. In what ways can you apply musical therapy to your own life?

Get Involved

- Look into working with people who suffer from brain injury. Visit www.headinjury.com to learn about how you can get involved. Think about the ways people with brain injury need to be cared for medically, and how they need to be helped through mental, physical, or emotional therapy.



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