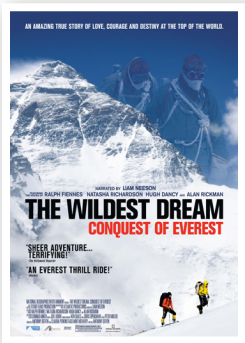




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Synopsis

This documentary uses astonishing visuals to tell the intersecting stories of George Mallory, the first man to attempt a summit of Mount Everest, and Conrad Anker, the mountaineer who finds Mallory's frozen remains 75 years later.



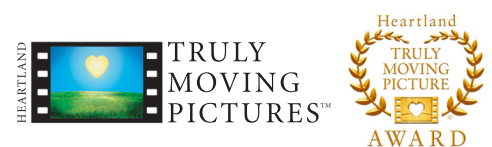
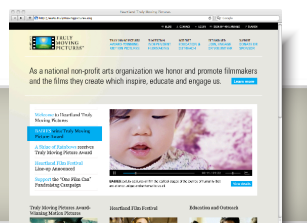
Discussion Questions

- George Mallory set forth to be the first person to reach the summit of Mount Everest in 1924. How have advances in technology changed between his attempt at summiting the peak and when Conrad Anker and Leo Houlding followed his footsteps for *The Wildest Dream*?
- Outside of changes in technology, how was Anker and Houlding's climb different than Mallory's even though they were following the steps he once took?
- Mount Everest is a dangerous peak and many have died trying to reach it. To you, what is the appeal of attempting such a dangerous feat? Is it something you would like to attempt? Why?
- Do you believe that Mallory succeeded in summiting Mount Everest? In your opinion, is whether he reached the peak of any consequence to his legacy?
- Beyond the physical feat of climbing Mount Everest, can you imagine what it would take to overcome the mental feat? What questions and doubts do you believe one would have to battle in harsh conditions at 25,000 feet?
- Climbing Mount Everest might not be on your list of adventures to fulfill, but you are certain to have other desires. What are some experiences you would like to pursue in your lifetime? Why?



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Do Your Research

- Mallory attempted to summit Everest in 1924, but not until 1953 when Sir Edmund Hillary attempted it did someone officially reach the top. Research the changes in climbing technology that occurred between Mallory's attempt and Hillary's success. What advances occurred that may have made Hillary's attempt a success?
- Research those who have attempted to summit Mount Everest since 1954, whether they have failed or succeeded.
- Take time to discover more about the geography of Mount Everest. Learn more about the part of the world in which it is located. Look up the climate and elevation at different parts of the mountain?
- Discover other mountains like Everest that are magnets for great adventurers.

Get Involved

- The great outdoors surrounds us all, and yet we don't often take the time to fully explore it. While not everyone is built to summit dangerous mountains, everyone can take advantage of being active and adventurous outside. Find ways to get involved in community gardening projects, look for nature on walks in your city or go to a state park nearest you to discover the different natural elements that surround you.



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