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Synopsis



A disheartened attorney named Mike Flaherty, who moonlights as a high school wrestling coach, stumbles across a star athlete through some questionable business dealings while trying to support his family. Just as it looks like he will get a double payday, the boy's mother shows up fresh from rehab and flat broke, threatening to derail everything.

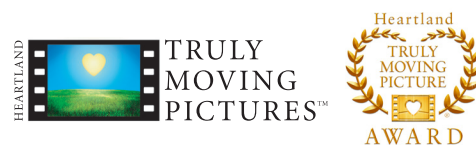
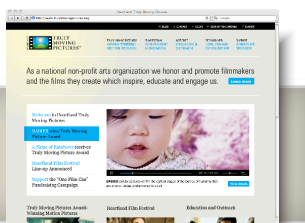
Discussion Questions

- At the beginning of the film Mike makes a difficult decision involving an elderly person. Is his decision to be Leo's guardian legal or ethical? What is the difference?
- In what ways does Mike's misstep come back to haunt him in the film? Is he able to be truthful with his wife and friends as a result?
- Mike's friend Terry provides much of the comic relief in the film. How do the filmmakers balance the serious discussions about Mike's financial situation with one-liners that Terry utters from time to time? Do these help make the film better rounded and more effective? If so, how?
- The actor who plays Kyle had never before appeared in a film. Can you tell from his acting or his wrestling skills? How does he compare with the more experienced actors in the movie?
- Issues of control arise frequently in the film, as Mike struggles to control his financial situation, Terry struggles to control his failing marriage, and Kyle feels like he is in control in the wrestling ring. How do the filmmakers work through this theme, and what conclusions can you draw about how we all want to control our own lives? Are there times you feel like everything is completely out of control?



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- How does the film approach the issue of elder care? How should the elderly be treated and cared for? When should it be necessary for the state to be involved? Do you think the state of New Jersey would have taken better care of Leo than Mike did?
- How realistic is Mike and Jackie's marriage? What are some of the ways they work together to solve their problems, especially once Mike's bad choices start haunting him?
- What did the film teach you about high school wrestling that you may not have known before? Did the film's portrayal of the sport increase your interest in high school wrestling?

Do Your Research

- Have you had to care for an elderly relative? There are a great many elements involved in elder care. Take some time to research elder care at www.eldercarelink.com.
- High school wrestling is an intense sport in which thousands of youth participate each year. Learn more about the sport at www.hswrestling.net.

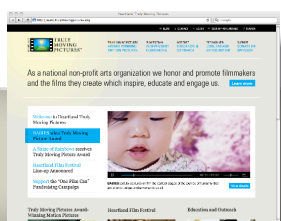
Get Involved

- Do you have an elderly relative? How are they cared for currently? If you don't have an elderly relative who needs your help, volunteer at a local elderly care center to provide some kindness and sympathy to elderly people.
- Think about how Mike's actions in the film had severe consequences down the road, when he didn't expect them. Consider how even a small decision in your own life can affect you and your loved ones in the future.



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