CURRICULUM GUIDE OVERVIEW



USES

This robust educational package includes the documentary film *California State of Mind: The Legacy of Pat Brown*, three short videos and the *My California Now Curriculum*. It offers media, lesson plans and resources for students in 4th and 8th grades, high school, college, and community groups. Topics covered span California and the United States in the 2nd half of the twentieth century, and focus on social studies, history, politics, civics and government, leadership and storytelling.

OBJECTIVES

The film and curriculum package gives students not only an important opportunity to examine the past, but a role model in Governor Edmund 'Pat' Brown, whose bi-partisan can-do optimism can re-energize the next generation to build a better future for California and the United States. Students will increase their knowledge of California and the United States in the twentieth century and gain greater insight into the way government and politics work, and develop their own views on democracy and civic engagement. They will learn more about important content areas including civil rights and the environment, the death penalty, government, leadership and storytelling.

MEDIA

The curriculum is designed to be used with the DVD package which contains the award-winning 86 minute theatrical version, a 56 minute educational version of the film, and three dynamic short educational videos: *Leadership Then & Now, Stories & Legacies*, and *Debating The Death Penalty*.

CURRICULUM MATERIALS

4 CURRICULUM UNITS

In-depth units cover state and national standards, and include multiple activities that help students learn more.

- HISTORY & SOCIAL STUDIES UNIT
- LEADERSHIP & CIVIC ENGAGEMENT UNIT
- STORIES & LEGACIES UNIT
- 4TH GRADE UNIT

INDIVIDUAL LESSON PLANS

Each unit contains individual lesson plans that can be adapted for discussion, research, writing, pair and group work, homework and presentations. Use one or several of the easy to use handouts.

KEY MATERIALS

It is recommended that students have access to these materials to broaden their understanding and knowledge about the key people, concepts, terms and background of the film. Students may read about the film and review the concepts and Who's Who before or after watching the film. The Viewing Guide and Film Comprehension Questions can be used as a guide or quiz to assess students' comprehension. The bibliography provides additional resources, and the standards help teachers identify ways to tie this curriculum into their courses.

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An easy to use index of all the materials and lesson plans with corresponding California and State standards.

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