

Objective

By the end of this lesson, the student will be able to analyze the historical context and themes presented in the film "Rabbit-Proof Fence" and discuss their significance.

Materials and Prep

- A computer or DVD player to watch the film
- Note-taking materials

Activities

- Watch the film "Rabbit-Proof Fence" in its entirety, taking notes on key events, characters, and themes.
- After watching the film, write a reflection paper discussing the historical context of the Stolen Generations in Australia and the impact of government policies on Indigenous communities.
- Create a timeline of important events related to the Stolen Generations and the fight for Indigenous rights in Australia.
- Research and present a short oral presentation on the life and activism of Doris Pilkington Garimara, the author of the book on which the film is based.

Talking Points

- **Introduction:** "Today, we will be exploring the film 'Rabbit-Proof Fence' and its historical significance. This film tells the story of three Aboriginal girls who were forcibly removed from their families and placed in a government-run institution. Let's dive into the talking points to better understand the themes and context of the film."
- **Historical Context:** "The film is set in Australia during the early 20th century, a time when the Australian government implemented policies to assimilate Indigenous children into white society. This period is known as the Stolen Generations. It is important to understand the historical context in order to fully grasp the impact of the events portrayed in the film."
- **Main Characters:** "The film revolves around three main characters: Molly, Daisy, and Gracie. They are part of the Stolen Generations and embark on a courageous journey to find their way back home. Let's discuss their experiences and the challenges they face throughout the film."
- **Themes:** "The film explores themes of resilience, identity, and the power of family bonds. Let's delve deeper into these themes and discuss how they are portrayed in the film. What are some key scenes that highlight these themes?"
- **Impact and Significance:** "The story of 'Rabbit-Proof Fence' sheds light on the dark history of forced removals and the ongoing struggle for Indigenous rights in Australia. Let's reflect on the

impact of government policies on Indigenous communities and discuss the significance of raising awareness about these issues through film."