

Parent Permission Slip *The King's Speech*

The movie, *The King's Speech*, is being used by the Film Study classroom. The following explains the movie.

After the death of his father King George V (Michael Gambon) and the scandalous abdication of King Edward VIII (Guy Pearce), Bertie (Colin Firth) who has suffered from a debilitating speech impediment all his life, is suddenly crowned King George VI of England. With his country on the brink of war and in desperate need of a leader, his wife, Elizabeth (Helena Bonham Carter), the future Queen Mother, arranges for her husband to see an eccentric speech therapist, Lionel Logue (Geoffrey Rush). After a rough start, the two delve into an unorthodox course of treatment and eventually form an unbreakable bond. With the support of Logue, his family, his government and Winston Churchill (Timothy Spall), the King will overcome his stammer and deliver a radio-address that inspires his people and unites them in battle.

Based on the true story of King George VI, *THE KING'S SPEECH* follows the Royal Monarch's quest to find his voice.

The movie will be used as a discussion starter for thematic lessons on anti-bullying, overcoming, adversity, familial pressures/obligations/duties, and the pervasive motto of the film "I have a voice" ..

This film is rated R. It is rated R because of some strong language. If you want to see the IMDB Parent Guide for a list of comments you can view them at:
http://www.imdb.com/title/tt1504320/parentalguide?ref=tt_strypg

Parents must sign a permission slip to allow their child/student to view the movie, *The King's Speech*. Students without a signed permission slip will be given an alternate assignment. You may contact your student's Film Study teacher with any questions. Please sign the bottom half of this slip and return to your student's Film Study teacher.

I give my student, _____, permission to watch the movie, *The King's Speech*, in the film study class.

I do NOT give my student, _____, permission to watch the movie, *The King's Speech*, in the film study class. Please give an alternate assignment.

Parent signature _____ Date _____

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