

# Film Foundation Workshop Philadelphia

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The Film Foundation and The International House/Lightbox  
presents

Portraits of America: Democracy on Film      Professional  
Development Workshop

A professional development workshop on film and visual  
literacy for classroom educators across all disciplines,  
grades 5 – 12

Tuesday & Wednesday

August 14 & 15, 2018

This free, two-day seminar introduces educators to an  
interdisciplinary curriculum challenging students to think  
contextually about the role of film as an expression of  
American democracy. Screening and discussion activities focus  
on strategies to:

- increase civic engagement by developing students' critical viewing and thinking skills,
- give students the tools to understand the persuasive and universal language of moving images, a significant component in visual literacy.
- explore the social issues and diverse points of view represented in films produced in different historical periods.

Morning and afternoon workshops focus on learning how to read a film, principles of cinema literacy, and interpreting film in historical/cultural contexts.

- Handout materials include screening activities and primary source documents to support and enhance students' critical thinking skills.
- Evening screenings showcase award-winning films, deemed historically and culturally significant by the Library of Congress National Film Registry. Pre- and post-screening discussions included.
- Register by emailing Julia Wayne at [jwayne@film-foundation.org](mailto:jwayne@film-foundation.org) or call (323) 436-5095. Please include the following information: *Your name, school, city and state, the subject and grade level(s) you teach, and a contact phone number and email address.*