

WORLD YOUTH ALLIANCE FILM LIST

Lumumba

Directed by Raoul Peck (2000)

Lumumba portrays the true story of the political career and violent assassination of the leader of independent Congo, Patrice Lumumba. A complex and real life epic of colonialism's history and the quest for political freedom, this film depicts a personal commitment to build an independent nation in one's homeland and overthrow colonial overlords. Lumumba examines the quest of a nation and people seeking dignified expression in a new, political identity of independence and freedom.

Guide questions for discussion groups

- Describe Lumumba's character. What was he like as a leader?
- What compromises should a person make in order to govern well and what should they never be compromised?
- Human resilience can soar to extremes when moved for a cause in search of truth and justice. Discuss Lumumba's fight for freedom as described in relation to the movie.
- You can kill the messenger but not the message. Is this reflected in the movie?
- Analyze the support given in this film to colonial Congo by foreign countries. Suggest one way of giving suitable support to a situation within the world.