

WORLD YOUTH ALLIANCE FILM LIST

Schindler's List

Directed by Stephen Spielberg (1993)

A greedy German businessman living during the Nazi regime unexpectedly discovers a heart of selfless courage when he turns his business into a rescue operation for persecuted Jews. This film is based on the true story of Oscar Schindler who saved over 1,100 Jews from death at the Auschwitz concentration camp and offers us a lesson of true sacrifice and compassion.

Guide questions for discussion groups

- Discuss the use of color in this film. Why do you think Spielberg incorporated color in this way and what does it tell us about Schindler's view of the human person?
- Is a person inevitably sensitive to humanity regardless of his or her individual situation?
- What ethical questions are raised concerning the worth of the person within a life or death situation?
- Outline the important historical lessons we learn from this film. Are these lessons applicable in the world today?
- How does Schindler change throughout the film and what makes him change? What does the film's conclusion convey about the value of human life?