



The Hate U Give

Film Study Guide

Director: George Tillman Jr.

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<https://www.thehateugive.com/>

Synopsis: *The Hate U Give* tells the story of Starr Carter, a young woman who is constantly switching between two worlds: the poor, mostly black, neighborhood where she lives and the rich, mostly white prep school she attends. The uneasy balance between these worlds is shattered when Starr witnesses the fatal shooting of her childhood best friend Khalil at the hands of a police officer. Now, facing pressures from all sides of the community, Starr must find her voice and stand up for what's right.

Post-Screening Discussion Questions

1. Can you relate to any of the characters in the film? If so, please explain why.
2. A *Variety* review of the film states "Khalil's killing is the lit fuse on the bomb that will explode Starr's carefully compartmentalized life." Explain the ways in which Starr's life changed after the fatal shooting of Khalil.

3. Had you read Angie Thomas' book "The Hate U Give" before seeing this film? If so, please explain the differences and/or similarities.
4. Starr's uncle, Carlos (played by Common) is a police officer, who gently tries to help her see a different perspective on police. Explain your thoughts on his explanation of "it's a complicated world". What does he mean by this?
5. Explain the film's message in relation to our society today. Why is it important that people see this film?