

Movie ideas for Citizenship in the Community

It's A Wonderful Life The message in this film is one of courage and sacrifice for the greater good as George Bailey, a man with big ideas about seeing the world, continually forsakes his own desires to do what is right for the town. The second message is that each life is important. No matter how insignificant we feel we are, we are all inextricably linked to each other and play an important part in the fabric of one another's lives.

☒ Lean on Me Story of Paterson NJ principal Joe Clark (PG-13)

☒ The Man Who Planted Trees A lone shepherd changes the character of an entire valley.

☒ Mighty Ducks Emilio Estevez stars as a lawyer doing community service who becomes coach to a pee wee hockey team. PG.

☒ Mr. Holland's Opus A frustrated composer (Richard Dreyfuss) finds fulfillment as a high school music teacher. PG.

☒ Mr. Smith Goes to Washington One of Jimmy Stewart's signature roles as an idealistic senator caught in the corruption of the political machine. NR.

☒ Norma Rae - A young single mother and textile worker agrees to help unionize her mill despite the problems and dangers involved. PG

☒ October Sky The true story of Homer Hickam, a coal miner's son who was inspired by the first Sputnik launch to take up rocketry. PG.

☒ One Night with the King The story of Esther. Rated PG for mild violence, suggestion of sensuality.

☒ Pay It Forward Like some other kids, 12-year-old Trevor McKinney believed in the goodness of human nature. Like many other kids, he was determined to change the world for the better. Unlike most other kids, he succeeded. Rated PG-13 for mature thematic elements.

☒ Phenomenon - John Travolta is hit by a light and becomes very smart and addicted to learning. PG. 123 minutes.

☒ Radio - based on the true story of a small town HS football coach who befriended a developmentally disabled man which ultimately inspires the local townfolk

☒ Remember the Titans The true story of a newly appointed African-American coach and his high school team on their first season as a racially integrated unit. PG.

☒ Rudy True story of a boy who struggles with life in order to realize his dream: to play football for Notre Dame. PG

📖 Spartacus The slave, Spartacus, leads a revolt against a corrupt Rome. NR.

📖 Stand and Deliver Story of LA math teacher Jaime Escalante (PG)

📖 To Kill a Mockingbird Atticus Finch, a lawyer in the Depression-era South, defends a black man against an undeserved rape charge, and his kids against prejudice.

📖 We Are Marshall When a plane crash claims the lives of members of the Marshall University football team and some of its fans, the team's new coach and his few surviving players try to keep the football program alive. PG.