

KORTFILMSKLUBBEN ENGELSKA

Bruce Lee played badminton too

Before watching

Discuss in class:

- What do you think the title means? What does it make you think of? Just based on the title – what do you think the movie is about?

While watching

- This movie is Australian. Try and see if you can notice differences/similarities between the environment in which the movie takes place and the environment where you live.

After watching

Discuss in groups of 4-5:

- Why do you think Nic's parents are worried that Nic will be disappointed for having invested so much time and effort into practicing for the tournament?
- During the breakfast conversation, Nic's father says he doesn't think badminton is a sport for a man. Why do you think he says that? Are there sports that have traditionally been thought of as more for men or women? Which can you think of?
Problematize around the concept of dividing sports into male/female and discuss possible problems or advantages in doing so.
- Nic tells his father "Bruce Lee played badminton too". Why do you think it is important for him to make a point of this to his father? Why do you think he has chosen Bruce Lee to be his hero instead of a badminton player?
- Nic's father is worried that they will be the only Anglo-Saxons on the street. What are Anglo-Saxons? Why do you think Nic's father sees himself as an Anglo-Saxon? Why do you think he is worried about it?
- Nic's mother tells him "Sometimes the champion is someone who clears the way for the triumph of an idea". What do you think she means by it? Can you think of people who can be seen as champions for having cleared the way of an idea?

- Do you think Nic would have won the tournament if he hadn't met Jenny in it? Support your arguments.
- In analyzing a movie, the protagonist is often described as someone who starts his/her journey in one direction and then completely changes point of view/lifestyle/idea thanks to the influence of another character. Knowing this, who would you say is the true protagonist of the movie and for what reasons?
- Look at the statements below. Why do you think Nic's father said them? What do you think he wanted to achieve by saying them? In what situations do you think he said them? What could he have said instead?

"That uniform should be for a champion"

"It's not a sport for men"

"This neighbourhood isn't what it used to be"

"Sometimes life doesn't give you what you want. Sometimes you're just not good enough."

- Choose the statement/-s you think is/are more fitting to describe the movie and present some arguments to why you think so;
 - This is a movie...
 - ...about badminton
 - ... about a teenage boy
 - ... about a father
 - ... about relationships between people
 - ... about pursuing your dreams
 - ... about accepting who you are
 - ... about teenage love

Continue the work:

- What do you know about badminton? Do some research and see what you can find out about the sport. When was it invented? How do you play it? How many practitioners are there? Which country has the most practitioners etc?
 - Who was Bruce Lee? When did he live? What was he famous for? Do you think he ever played badminton?
 - Nic's first opponent in the badminton tournament calls him Chuck Norris. Find out more about Chuck Norris. Who is he? Why is he famous? What are Chuck Norris facts?
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Vocabulary:**(Australian English)**

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| • (to) invest | - <i>att investera, att satsa på</i> |
| • conjecture | - <i>antagande</i> |
| • tennis gear | - <i>tennisutrustning</i> |
| • half-breed | - <i>halvblods-</i> |
| • passionate | - <i>passionerad, här: brinna för</i> |
| • bin | - <i>papperskorg</i> |
| • club tournament | - <i>klubbturnering</i> |
| • opponent | - <i>motståndare</i> |