

Keiko FOR KIDS DOCUMENTARY ACTIVITIES GUIDE

Combines a #1 Blockbuster Movie, our Award-Winning Documentary, and Documentary Activities Guide for a truly *Unique Interactive Learning Opportunity* for Middle and High School Students

THE DOCUMENTARY ACTIVITIES GUIDE:

Our Guide was developed to assist middle and high school teachers and educators screening *Keiko The Untold Story* in their classrooms, both on-line and in-classroom. Through this unique way of combining experiential learning with two movies and our corresponding activities guide, students learn through the experience of a real-life orca. The numerous topics, questions and activities encourage and heighten their learning and understanding of orcas, their culture and social structure, and the impact of captivity on wild animals.

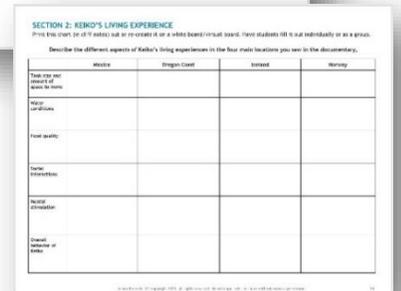
The guide is organized into 3 main sections: before, during and after watching the documentary. In each section there are various approaches to engage with, explore, and enhance your group's experiences with the documentary. It can be used on-line or in-classroom, or a combination. Modification ideas for reading, writing, and visual learning are included. This guide works with full classrooms, small groups and even individually. Cliff notes and resources are included for educators at the end, along with images meant to be copied or reproduced in relation to the guide.

Included in the *Single License Documentary Activities Guide*:

- Activities Guide in PDF format
- Signed copy of the Director's Cut DVD
- License to show film and use the guide with a *single classroom*

Included in the *Multi License Documentary Activities Guide*:

- Activities Guide in PDF format
- Signed copy of the Director's Cut DVD
- License to host screenings and use guide within the direct parameters of the screening
- Movie Posters signed by the Director



WHAT MAKES THIS ACTIVITIES GUIDE UNIQUE:

- Follows the life of a real orca, helping your students to absorb the concepts better.
- It is about an orca that starred in a block buster film, adding to the allure and “wow factor”.
- Supports teaching your students facts while telling a true story.
- Supports teaching your students about captivity and our responsibility to marine and wildlife, in a factual, real life manner.
- The guide follows a documentary made with children in mind, plus students get to watch a block buster film.
- We have included art and community activities to keep the learning going after the initial guide is completed. Through experience we have seen this to be the most impactful part of the guide and Keiko's influence on children and young adults.
- Keiko's life draws on many issues that children face: family dynamics, struggles in growing up, not “fitting in”, feeling lonely.*

HISTORY:

Keiko swam straight into the hearts of millions of children and adults around the world upon the debut of the film *Free Willy* in July 1993. So it was quite a jolt when his fans discovered that, unlike his fictional counterpart, Keiko was not free. Torn from his family at the tender age of two, Keiko spent 14 years in captivity as a performing tourist attraction before Hollywood discovered him for the title role. Everyone hoped that Keiko would find his family and live happily ever after. **His millions of new fans around the globe, most of them children, launched a crusade to save him.**

“Be prepared for a documentary that will impact every student. I was personally surprised by the strong reaction when I showed this movie to my students. I was impressed by how deeply students connected with Keiko and his journey, transforming their perceptions of orca intelligence, orca culture, and the differences between orcas living in captivity and living in the wild. I encourage you to use this movie to engage and empower your classes to think about how this knowledge can be used to make a difference in their own lives and their families’, or their school’s/community’s, for orcas in captivity or the myriad of environmental changes that we face in our communities today. We are not just educating people for knowledge; we are forging the next generation of citizens of our ever-changing planet.”
- Sincerely, Jason Hiegelke, Middle-School Teacher, Portland, OR

* None of the materials addressed in this guide are intended in any way as counseling, therapy, or claims to have any expertise in dealing with students on a therapeutic, emotional, or teaching level. Through many accounts with children we have seen them drawn to Keiko for the above-mentioned reasons and state this as observation only.

* You can modify the way the activities are implemented, but not the content of this work, to meet the needs of your classroom or group, according to the license agreement signed with the distributor Joshua Records, LLC. This is accompanying material to be used in conjunction with the documentary, it is not approved for or intended to be a certified student curriculum. We encourage educators to add certified curriculum regarding orcas and marine life and there are many educator resources available in the cliff notes.