



LOVING V. VIRGINIA

Discussion Prompts

Middle School

- Why do you think some states had laws banning interracial marriage? How do those laws compare to unfair rules or laws in history?
- How did the Lovings fight for change in a quiet but powerful way?
- How can we stand up against unfair treatment today? What are some modern examples of people fighting for justice?

High School

- What does Loving v. Virginia teach us about the role of the courts in shaping social change?
- How do the themes in The Loving Story connect to current discussions about equality, love, marriage, or discrimination today?

Adaptation

This lesson can be adapted for elementary school aged children by excluding the viewing of the documentary, providing a form of the summary included above, and focusing on the following discussion questions.

- What does the word “brave” mean to you? How were Richard and Mildred brave?
- How can we make sure everyone feels included and accepted in our communities today?

Guide your students through the following exercises to bring these issues to life, making connections even outside of the classroom.

Expansion

Guide your students through the following exercises to bring these issues to life, making connections even outside of the classroom.

- Invite local interracial couples or civil rights historians to share their perspectives.
- Encourage students to interview family members or family friends regarding their experiences with racial integration or interracial relationships.

Check out the free documentary below and share with your middle school aged students and above.



Documentary: *The Loving Story (Middle School & Up): Watch The Loving Story (2011) - Free Movies | Tubi*



Trailer: HBO Documentary Films: *The Loving Story - Trailer (HBO Docs)*