

## Orthopedic Impairment: Frida (Movie) Est. Time: 2 Hours Viewing/45 Minutes Class

### Objective

Gain a better understanding of the impact that an orthopedic impairment (sometimes referred to as a physical disability) can have on an individual and his or her family.

### Overview

This movie follows the life of artist Frida Kahlo who has an orthopedic impairment, the result of a serious accident when she was eighteen. The physical pain Kahlo experiences due to this accident and from the ensuing medical procedures haunts her throughout her life. A chronicle of her development and success as an artist, the movie vividly illustrates how Kahlo is able to channel her physical pain and her tumultuous relationship with her husband into her artwork.

### Activity

View the following movie and be prepared to discuss the questions below in class.

Title: *Frida* (2002)

Studio: Miramax

### Questions/Discussion Topics

1. What happens to Kahlo in the accident?
2. How does Kahlo cope with having a physical disability?
3. How does Kahlo's family view her future?
4. How does her physical impairment impact her, both physically and psychologically, throughout the movie?
5. Is Kahlo burdened by having a physical disability or does she seem to overcome this? Explain.