



Orthopedic Impairment: Frida (Movie)

Est. Time: 2 Hours Viewing/45 Minutes Class

Synopsis

The movie follows the life of the artist Frida Kahlo as she struggles with personal relationships (such as that with her husband, the artist Diego Rivera) and also with an orthopedic impairment, the result of a serious accident that occurred 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 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 her disability?
3. How does Kahlo's family view her future?
4. How do her injuries follow her throughout the movie, both physically and psychologically?
5. Is Kahlo burdened by her disability or does she seem to overcome being a "cripple"? Support your opinion.
6. Is this a realistic portrayal of disability? Explain.