

Viewer's Guide

NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH VIRTUAL FILM FEST ***Mankiller: Activist. Feminist. Cherokee Chief.*** (NR) Viewer's Guide

Recommended for ages 10 and up

This documentary follows Wilma Mankiller from childhood to becoming the first female Cherokee Chief, and to how she became a world-renowned icon who fought for her people.

Stream the film here: <https://tinyurl.com/y84bbsbn>

Movie Resources:

Documentary website

<http://www.mankillerdoc.com>

Interview with Valerie Red-Horse Mohl, Director and Producer (National Women's History Museum)

<https://tinyurl.com/yxqbgwd6>

Film review (Vogue)

<https://tinyurl.com/y5mzb2b3>

Discussion Questions/Guide:

- How did moving to San Francisco and joining the Occupation of Alcatraz change Wilma Mankiller?
- In the beginning, why was there an overwhelming amount of opposition against Wilma Mankiller's leadership?
- What characteristics and qualities do you think allowed Wilma Mankiller to be so successful in leading her people?
- Has gender equality changed much from when Wilma Mankiller lead the Cherokee Nation since the 1980s and 1990s?
- Are Native activists and community leaders still fighting the same fight today?

Viewer Discussion & Education Guide (PBS)

<https://tinyurl.com/y59alo9g>



Watch-a-likes:

The Cherokee Word for Water (Kanopy)

<https://tinyurl.com/y3tmx33c>

Apache 8 (Kanopy)

<https://tinyurl.com/yylnlb3o>

Medicine Woman: The Story of America's First Native Medical Doctor (Kanopy)

<https://tinyurl.com/y2dulwu8>

Other Resources:

Brief biography of Wilma Mankiller (Biography in Context)

<https://tinyurl.com/y4pfm3j3>

Book review of *Mankiller: A Chief and Her People* (Biography in Context)

<https://tinyurl.com/y6dpg57x>

Say We Are Nations: Documents of Politics and Protest in Indigenous America since 1887 by Daniel M. Cobb (OverDrive)

<https://tinyurl.com/yxlxesub>

The American Indian Rights Movement by Eric Braun (OverDrive)

<https://tinyurl.com/yyag9bwp>