

# Viewer's Guide

## LGBTQ+ HISTORY MONTH VIRTUAL FILM FEST

### *Stonewall Uprising*

*Not Rated. Recommended for adults.*

In the early morning hours of June 28, 1969, police raided the Stonewall Inn, a popular gay bar in the Greenwich Village section of New York City. Such raids were not unusual in the late 1960s, an era when homosexual sex was illegal in every state but Illinois. That night, however, the street erupted into violent protests and demonstrations that lasted for the next 6 days.

The Stonewall riots, as they came to be known, marked a major turning point in the modern gay civil rights movement in the United States and around the world.

Stream the film here on Kanopy: [tinyurl.com/pbvtu9ep](https://tinyurl.com/pbvtu9ep)

#### MOVIE RESOURCES

- An augmented reality exploration of the Stonewall monument, created through a partnership between NYC's LGBT Community Center and the National Park Service [stonewallforever.org](https://stonewallforever.org)
- *Teaching Stonewall* on Teaching Tolerance Magazine [tinyurl.com/y9uddxt2](https://tinyurl.com/y9uddxt2)

#### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Compare and contrast the ways gay people are described and discussed in the beginning of the film. Do the old film reels show progress in the understanding of the gay rights movement by the general public? Why or why not?
- What caused the Stonewall Uprising? What was the reason for the initial raid by police?
- What was the aftermath of Stonewall? How did this event help spark a more visible LGBTQIA+ movement?
- There are some debates on the naming of the event at the Stonewall Inn. Was Stonewall a riot, an uprising, or a rebellion?

- The Stonewall Uprising was seen as a protest against bigotry, racism, homophobia, transphobia, and police brutality. In the 52 years since that event, is that message still essential? What can we learn from that event in our current politically charged climate?

#### WATCH-A-LIKES ON KANOPY



*Before Stonewall*  
(Not Rated)  
[tinyurl.com/a6an6aup](https://tinyurl.com/a6an6aup)



*After Stonewall*  
(Not Rated)  
[tinyurl.com/3epf5cby](https://tinyurl.com/3epf5cby)



*Ballot Measure 9*  
(Not Rated)  
[tinyurl.com/sdvj2k](https://tinyurl.com/sdvj2k)



*Screaming Queens: The Riot at Compton's Cafeteria*  
(Not Rated)  
[tinyurl.com/b3c6f49h](https://tinyurl.com/b3c6f49h)

#### OTHER RESOURCES:

- *Stonewall and LGBTQ Equity* by the Anti-Defamation League  
[tinyurl.com/stonewall-adl](https://tinyurl.com/stonewall-adl)
- *The Stonewall Uprising* by the Anti-Defamation League  
[tinyurl.com/adlstonewall](https://tinyurl.com/adlstonewall)
- A brief timeline of the events of the Stonewall Riots on History.com  
[tinyurl.com/stonewall-history](https://tinyurl.com/stonewall-history)
- Photojournalist Fred W. McDarragh documents the Stonewall Uprising  
[tinyurl.com/stonewall-photos](https://tinyurl.com/stonewall-photos)