

Activity Idea

DECEMBER 2022 LGBTQ+ VIRTUAL FILM FEST:

***Stonewall Uprising* (NR)** **Viewer's Guide**

Rating: Not rated

Parental guidance suggested. Recommended for ages 14 and up.

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 six 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: <https://lacounty.kanopy.com/video/stonewall-uprising>

MOVIE RESOURCES:

- An augmented reality (AR) exploration of the Stonewall monument, created through a partnership between NYC's LGBT Community Center and the National Park Service: <https://stonewallforever.org/>
- "Teaching Stonewall" on Teaching Tolerance: <https://tinyurl.com/y9uddxt2>
- "Stonewall and LGBTQ Equity" by the Anti-Defamation League: <https://tinyurl.com/stonewall-adl>
- "The Stonewall Uprising" by the Anti-Defamation League: <https://tinyurl.com/adlstonewall>
- A brief timeline of the events of the Stonewall Riots on History.com: <https://tinyurl.com/stonewall-history>
- Photo journalist Fred W. McDarrah documents the Stonewall Uprising: <https://tinyurl.com/stonewall-photos>



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 the progress in 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 LGBTQ+ movement?
- There are some debates the naming of the event at the Stonewall Inn. Was Stonewall a Riot, an Uprising or a Rebellion?
- 50 years ago, the Stonewall Uprising was seen as a protest against bigotry, racism, homophobia, transphobia and police brutality. In the 50 years since that event, is that message still essential? What can we learn from that event in our current politically charged climate?