

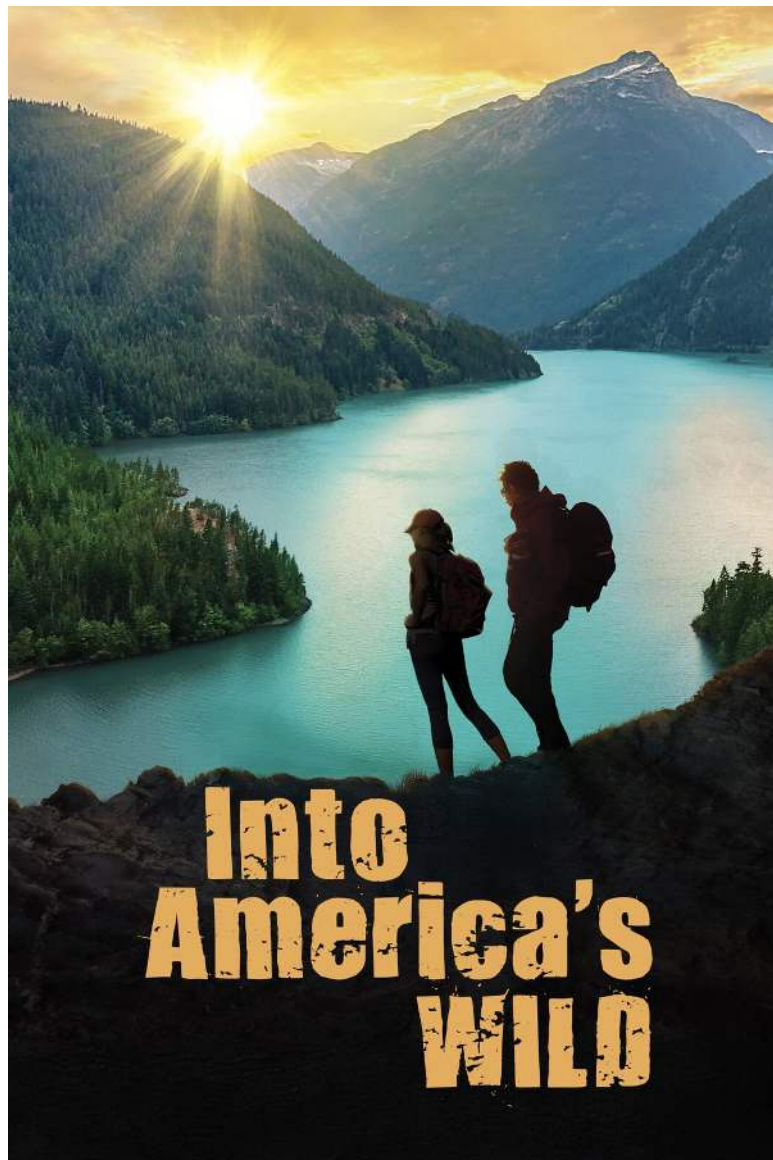
Omni Theater Educator Resource

Fort Worth Museum of Science and History

FILM OVERVIEW

Embark on an unforgettable journey through the breathtaking landscapes of North America in *Into America's Wild*. Narrated by Morgan Freeman, this giant-screen film follows three remarkable adventurers—astronaut John Herrington, bush pilot Ariel Tweto, and long-distance hiker Jennifer Pharr Davis—as they travel across some of the continent's most spectacular natural environments. From Alaska's remote wilderness and the towering peaks of the Rocky Mountains to the Appalachian Trail, Pacific coastline, and expansive desert landscapes, students will experience the incredible beauty and diversity of America's wild places like never before.

As students travel alongside these explorers, they will discover how curiosity, courage, and perseverance fuel scientific discovery and deepen our understanding of the natural world. The film showcases the unique plants, animals, geological features, and ecosystems that make each region distinct while highlighting the interconnectedness of Earth's systems. Throughout the journey, students will see how weather, climate, landforms, and biodiversity shape the environments around us and influence the people and wildlife that call these places home.



More than a celebration of America's natural wonders, *Into America's Wild* encourages students to become thoughtful observers and responsible stewards of our planet. The film demonstrates the importance of conservation, public lands, and protecting natural resources for future generations while inspiring learners to appreciate the world beyond the classroom. Whether students dream of becoming scientists, engineers, explorers, pilots, park rangers, or simply enjoy spending time outdoors, this immersive adventure invites them to explore, ask questions, and discover the incredible connections between people and the natural world.

CLASSROOM CONNECTIONS

- Explores the diverse ecosystems found across North America, including mountains, forests, deserts, coastlines, rivers, and Arctic tundra.
- Observes how weather, climate, and geography shape different habitats and influence the plants, animals, and people that live there.
- Discovers how Earth's natural processes, including erosion, glaciers, rivers, and plate movement, have shaped the continent's breathtaking landscapes over time.
- Examines the importance of biodiversity and the interconnected relationships between living organisms and their environments.
- Investigates how exploration, innovation, and technology help scientists, explorers, and conservationists better understand and protect the natural world.
- Considers the importance of conservation and environmental stewardship, and how individuals can help preserve America's wild places for future generations.

*For more educator resources
& classroom activities, visit:*

<https://intoamericaswild.com/#educators>



Extension ideas for teachers:

- Nature Detectives -Take students on a nature walk around campus. Record plants, insects, birds, weather conditions, and evidence of wildlife. Compare observations to habitats seen in the film.
- Build a National Park- Students design their own national park featuring unique landforms, plants, animals, and visitor experiences. They create a map and explain how their park protects natural resources.
- Ecosystem Research Project- Assign students one ecosystem featured in the film (forest, desert, mountains, coastline, tundra, etc.). Students investigate climate, biodiversity, food webs, and conservation challenges before presenting their findings.
- Ask students, "How can experiencing nature change the way people think about protecting our environment, and what responsibility do we each have to care for the natural places around us?"

TEKS:

Science

K: 1A-D, 2A-D, 3B, 12A-B

1ST: 1A-D, 2A-D, 5A, 12A-B

2ND: 1A-D, 2A-D, 12A-B, 13A-B

3RD: 1A-D, 2A-D, 10A-B, 11A-B

4TH: 1A-D, 2A-D, 11A-B, 12A-B

5TH: 1A-D, 2A-D, 12A-B, 13A-B

6TH: 1A-D, 2A-D, 10A-C, 11A-B

7TH: 1A-D, 2A-D, 10A-C, 11A-B

8TH: 1A-D, 2A-D, 11A-C, 12A-B

High School Biology- 1A-D, 12A-C, 13A-B

Environmental Systems- 1A-D, 8A-C, 9A-C, 10A-B

Earth & Space Science- 1A-D, 9A-C, 10A-C, 11A-B

Aquatic Science- 1A-D, 8A-C, 10A-B



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