

Why MASTERPIECE?

For more than 40 years, MASTERPIECE—the longest-running, prime time drama series on American television—has produced programs of extraordinary quality and depth, many of which are based upon classic works of literature. It's also the most celebrated television series, with 57 Emmy® Awards, 18 Peabody Awards, and 2 Academy Award nominations.

A MASTERPIECE Book & Film Club gathers people together to discuss great books and the way filmmakers have interpreted them. Whether you are a librarian, an educator, or simply someone who loves books and movies, *you* can host a MASTERPIECE Book & Film Club! You may already belong to a book and/or film club, or are looking for a new angle, or want to start a new club. Choosing MASTERPIECE as the basis for your club will infuse new energy and excitement, or may inspire people to come to the library or join a discussion group for the first time.

The MASTERPIECE website offers a wealth of resources for you to use in creating and managing your MASTERPIECE Book & Film Club, including:

- The Book & Film Club section, containing 25 different discussion guides, with engaging questions, activities, and links
- The Teachers section, with 21 educational guides, providing extensive background information, genre study, discussion questions, activities, and more
- Streaming video for a limited time after each MASTERPIECE broadcast
- Interviews with actors, directors, screenwriters, and others
- Behind-the-scenes videos, interactive games, and special features

MASTERPIECE also has a vital and active presence on Facebook and Twitter. For certain titles, MASTERPIECE has hosted Twitter discussions with scholars and other experts.

This handbook offers tools and resources to help you establish, promote, and lead a MASTERPIECE Book & Film Club, as well as innovative ideas for choosing titles and themes, and useful resources.

Note: MASTERPIECE programs may be viewed via broadcast on PBS, streaming video for a limited time after broadcast, or on DVD. All MASTERPIECE titles mentioned in this handbook are currently available on DVD through shoppbs.org and other vendors.

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