



DARIUS GOES WEST
→ THE ROLL OF HIS LIFE ←

**Darius Goes West “Know About It”
LESSON PLAN**
Subject: General
Age range: 6th - 12th grade
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General Questions for Class Discussion

After watching the movie, lead a class discussion on these topics:

- How is his wheelchair a symbol of freedom for Darius?
- What obstacles does Darius have to overcome?
- Why is one of the most memorable moments for Darius and his friends when Darius ate the wasabi?
- Director Logan Smalley says that “idealism is the signature of youth.” What do you think he means by that? Do you agree or disagree?
- How are the spinners for Darius’s wheelchair symbolic in relation to his journey and his mission?

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Elena Bonomo is Special Projects Manager of FilmSlam, a division of the Cleveland International Film Festival that is geared specifically to high schools students. When *Darius Goes West: The Roll of His Life* screened at FilmSlam in March of 2007, high school students were so captivated by the film, that a subsequent Q&A with the crew lasted for nearly three hours!