

Missing in Brooks County Discussion Guide

How to Use this Guide: The discussion questions are listed after a brief summary of information about the film. If you watched the film with a group, use these questions to guide a conversation about the film. If you watched it alone, write down your answers to these questions to reflect on the film.

Summary

70 miles north of the Mexican-US border lies Brooks County, Texas - a haunted, inhospitable place where thousands of immigrants have gone missing or died over the past decade. *Missing in Brooks County* follows the journey of two families who arrive in Brooks County to look for their loved ones, only to find a mystery that deepens at every turn.

First Impressions

1. In a few words, how did the film make you feel?
2. What aspects of the film surprised you? What aspects of the film were familiar?
3. Was there a moment in the film that you found particularly inspiring or disturbing? What was it about that moment that moved you?

Reflection

1. According to Change Lab Solutions, “certain traumatic events can have an emotional and psychological impact that goes far beyond the individuals directly exposed to them: these events are often referred to as community trauma.” How does the issue of missing persons on the border create community trauma?
2. How did it make you feel that Star County doesn’t keep records of the remains of people who’ve died near the border?
3. How did the families in the film work through the grief of having a missing person in their life?
4. How does the South Texas Human Rights Center, as shown by the work of Eddie Canales, support a community need?

Connections

1. What did you learn from the film that you wish everyone knew? What would change if everyone knew it?
2. If you were going to tell a friend about the film, what would you say?
3. Change in perspective: How did what you learned in the film change, challenge, or affirm your perspective on (themes)?

You can access additional resources about the film here and look for ways to take action on the film festival website [here](#).

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