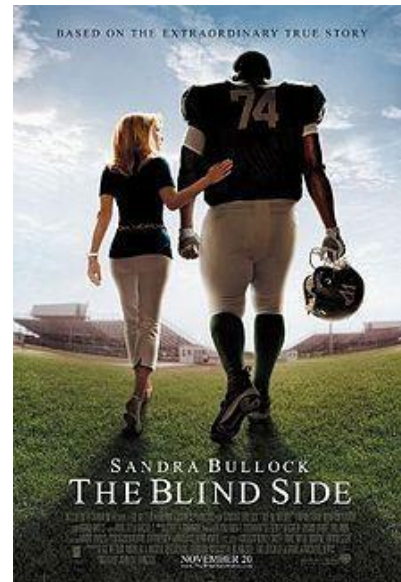


THE BLIND SIDE

GUIDELINES FOR WORKING WITH THE STUDENTS

1. **INTRODUCING THE MOVIE:** Read about the movie (use summary provided)
2. **TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION READING AND DISCUSSION IN CLASS BEFORE WATCHING THE MOVIE:**
 - POPCORN AT THE MOVIES (use background provided)
 - AMERICAN FOOTBALL (use background provided)
 - VOLUNTEERING: Ask the students if they volunteer, what they do, and how they benefit from their volunteer work.



3. **TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION AFTER WATCHING THE MOVIE:**
 - What do we know about Michael before he is adopted by Ann?
 - What do we know about Ann's family before Michael is adopted?
 - Why does Ann decide to adopt Michael? Give as many reasons as possible.
 - How does Michael feel about Ann's decision?
 - What role does football play in Michael's life?
 - What role does Ann play in Michael's life?
 - What does Ann learn about herself at the end of the movie?
 - What does Michael learn about himself at the end of the movie?
 - Could we say that the movie is dealing with the myth of "The American Dream"? Explain.