

## The N-Word: Divided We Stand (DVD)

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### Target audience – HS and Adult

Anyone interested in having a better understanding of the sensitivity around this word – regarding history, literature, music – from a variety of perspectives, and most importantly, from a variety of African American perspectives.

Anyone who is deeply offended by hearing the N-word, even in an educational setting, should not see this movie. Such a person would feel assaulted.

This movie has language (b---, f---, f----, m----f---- etc., as well as the N-Word), subject matter (discussion of racial injustice; literary and artistic examples; contemporary issues around racism, esp. Hip-Hop and Rap culture), and visual images (music video in which women are depicted as sex objects in demeaning images) for which parents of children are advised to preview before letting their children watch excerpts. It is far too long to hold the attention of most children under 9<sup>th</sup> grade unless they are African American, but African American children might find it illuminating around a confusing subject and affirming to see so many experts of color from so many fields.

### One to two sentences summarizing the gist of the movie.

African American celebrities and professionals, and some of their white fellow-citizens, weigh in on this hot topic, offering a variety of historic and current perspectives.

Chris Rock, Ice Cube, Mc Search, George Carlin, Whoopy Goldberg, Wynton Marsalis, Quincy Jones, Bryant Gumbel

Professors of law, history, literature

Associate Dean of Harvard medical School

Actors, writers, directors, musicians, cultural critics

Some “people on the street”

### Special comments: This bears repeating:

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### Recommended settings for viewing, and why

HS youth groups, adults

Interracial setting where individuals are ready for “heavy lifting” and emotional workout.

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