

Film Title and Release Date: *LBJ* (2018)
Length of Film in Minutes: 98 Minutes
Film Genre: Political Drama

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LBJ is a riveting political drama that follows Lyndon B. Johnson following the assassination of President John F. Kennedy in 1963. On November 22nd, 1963, JFK and his wife, Jackie Kennedy were waving to onlookers as they were seated in an open car. What occurred after this would change the course of American history. An assassin shot a bullet to the President's head, killing him and leaving Jackie in a pool of his blood. This moment shocked the nation and others around the globe. During this time of political upheaval, all eyes went to LBJ, the Vice President who was now expected to lead the country. In the aftermath of the Kennedy assassination, Johnson is seen struggling to secure the legitimacy of his presidency. Later in the film, Sarah Hughes administers the presidential oath to LBJ, and sworns him in to become the next President of the United States. This film was incredibly interesting because the audience gets to see how LBJ deals with opposition and grief, on both sides of political parties. As the film progresses Johnson works to heal a nation and secure his presidency by passing Kennedy's historic Civil Rights Act in 1964. This film is great for historical junkies because it depicts the point of view of the vice president and how he deals with a newly acquired presidency.

How did you find the film on Kanopy (by title search, subject search, casual browsing, etc.)?

I found the film on Kanopy by subject search, relating to history because I am interested in it.

Did the plot (for fictional movie) keep you interested?

Yes, I found the plot to be very interesting because I love historical movies. I liked how the audience could see the different experiences LBJ had following JFK's assassination.

Was the pace of the film too fast, too slow, or just right?

I thought the pace of the film was slow at times but still interesting.

What grade level(s) is this film appropriate for?

This film is appropriate for grades six to nine, due to the genre and events that take place.

4 stars: I enjoyed this film and found it worthwhile to watch.

In conclusion, *LBJ* is a fantastic political drama that endeavors into the many struggles and conflicts that Lyndon B. Johnson faces after the assassination of previous president John F. Kennedy. By including the pivotal dialogue sequences, plot developments, and character developments, the audience can appreciate the film fully.