

Film Title and Release Date: *RBG* (2018)

Film Length: 98 Minutes

Film Genre: Documentary

Reviewer Name and Grade: Keifer S., 8th Grade

Date Reviewed: March 24, 2021

Hello. I am Keifer S. and currently in the 8th grade. On Tuesday, March 24th 2021 I had the opportunity and privilege of viewing the film documentary, “RBG”. The documentary is 1 hour, 38 minutes, and 13 seconds in length. The documentary consisted of the following information of the U.S Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg. The documentary begins with an opening scene of our national monuments and statues in our nation’s capital, Washington D.C. Overlapping the scene is recognizable voices denouncing Ruth Bader Ginsburg’s legacy and decisions. The documentary then takes a turn showing Justice Ginsburg’s workout routine and early history of her life. Jumping from there to when she was nominated by president Bill Clinton to fill in the open seat of the Supreme Court. We see a flashback to Ruth’s life, with an early start in her life, Ruth’s mother passes away when Ruth was just 17 years of age. She finishes out high school and attends Cornell University. There she meant Marty Ginsburg and married some time later. After finishing at Cornell, she went to Harvard Law School and finally to Columbia. She was a law professor at Rutgers and her profession was a lawyer. Later, she was sent to the Washington D.C circuit by Jimmy Carter and nominated as Supreme Court judge by Bill Clinton. The documentary covers her struggles and grit throughout being a lawyer and her journey throughout her life. This is just a glimpse of what this documentary has to offer.

How did you find the film on Kanopy? I founded this documentary on the Kanopy website. After registering, the documentary popped up right on the front screen.

Did the presentation of information keep you interested? The presentation of information kept me embedded in watching the film to fully understand Ruth’s life and legacy.

Was the pace of the film too fast, too slow, or just right? The pace of the documentary is just right for me, covering all aspects of the topic.

What grade levels is this film appropriate for? The grade levels I would recommend this documentary for is for grades 7 and up.

Rating:

I would rate this film five stars because of its ability to convey information to the viewer in a fully understandable manner. Furthermore, the information presented is valuable to the topic and not only expresses Ruth’s day on the job, but her leisure values like her opera interest.

Reviewer Name and Grade: Kyto K., 8th Grade

Date Reviewed: April 5, 2021

RBG is an amazing documentary about the Supreme Court judge, Ruth Bader Ginsburg who passed away on September 18, 2020. Judge Ginsburg is best known as her iconic figure of “Notorious RBG”. This movie shows us how Ruth Bader Ginsburg progresses as a person and how her efforts had a positive effect on our society. Ruth was born in Brooklyn, New York, in

1933 and attended to Cornell University. There she met her future husband, Martin Ginsburg and the couple enrolled into Harvard University. She was one of 8 female law students among more than 500 male students. At there, she experienced the gender discrimination and later told that she couldn't do anything to open the library door guarded by the university employee. At that time, women were often not treated equally as men and she didn't understand why there were barriers for women. I was very impressed that Martin often bragged about how smart Ruth was, and encouraged her to pursue her carrier despite with the fact of male dominated society. Even though RBG's success was due to her continuous and enormous efforts, without his support, she could not be the person we know now. Ruth wanted to change the environment where women were surrounded, and this became a large part of her job. Before she became the judge at Supreme Court, she argued six major cases including *Frontiero vs. Richardson* and *States vs. Virginia*, and won five. She became a pioneer in gender equality. Peeking her personal life told by her granddaughter, her colleagues and friends was also very interesting and entertaining, and we find how humorous she actually was. Many people made RBG products and goods such as the stickers of her wearing the crown with the logo of "Notorious RBG" or sign of "You can't spell truth without Ruth". Ruth Bader Ginsburg is a role model, especially for many young girls.

How did you find the film on Kanopy?

I heard her name when she passed away in last September. I was very curious about who exactly RBG was and why she was called "notorious", and this is the reason I chose to watch her documentary.

Did the plot or presentation of information keep you interested?

Before I watch this movie, I only know her name and sometimes find a sticker of "Notorious RBG" on someone's car. All the information in the film are very interested and I found RBG's both professional and personal life. The film shows all of her achievements in chronological order and is very well presented.

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

The pace of the movie was just right. This film is 99min, but I didn't feel this so long.

What grade level is this film appropriate for?

I highly recommend all the generations to watch, but specially to grade level 6 and up because she is one of the greatest women's rights advocates in history, and I feel that you should learn about RBG early in your life.

Rating:

This was my first documentary movie that I really enjoy watching. I give this movie 5 stars. Even though I am not a big fan of documentary movie, I am glad that I watched this documentary. I thought I would get easily bored, but I was wrong.

Reviewer Name and Grade: Grace H., 11th Grade

Date Reviewed: April 10, 2022

The movie "RBG" follows late supreme court justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg and her life before and during her time as a justice on the U.S. supreme court. This documentary showed who Ruth

was earlier in her life and how she got to her position on the court. This film allowed the viewer to see who Ruth was as a friend, mom, grandma. Throughout the duration of the film it was nice hearing the different stories from family and friends which showed how hardworking Ruth was and how serious she took her job. It was stated by her husband from a former interview that he had to constantly drag her out of work as it got late and he needed to remind her when it was time to eat and go to bed. Ruth and her husband Martin, while both being very successful in law had completely swapped gender roles as Martin tended to do most of the cooking and Ruth would be out late working. Ruth constantly strived for equality with not only women but race and her intelligent mind would always win over an argument or case. Ruth did not only work for women's rights but for gender roles. She made sure that mothers and fathers could get the same amount of funding for their child needs as at the time only a mother could receive benefits. Ruth has helped hundreds of women across the nation find their voice and make sure their rights to equality were always heard. She is a true hero and changed America's views forever.

How did you find the video on Kanopy?

I found this movie while scrolling through Kanopy's documentary tabs.

Did the documentary's information keep you interested?

Yes very. While I already knew about RBG, this film was very educational and taught me a lot about what she did in her lifetime to help women.

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

The pace of this film was just right and each new topic blended in with the last to make the film seem like it was going faster than it was.

What grade level is this appropriate for?

I believe this movie would be great for any person of any grade to watch, however it will be more educational and meaningful to a middle schooler or highschooler because they will understand the process better.

Rating:

I give thi film 4 stars

I believe this film did a great job of showing the struggles and rewards Ruth went through to achieve nothing but greatness for women. It showed during the film that Ruth who leaned towards the more liberal side and Justice Scalia who leaned on the more conservative side were great friends. This showed that no matter what your viewpoints are people can still make great connections with each other. I really admired Ruth and Scalia's close friendship. Along with that this documentary showed how Ruth was always strong headed and extremely intelligent and knew how to work any given case. I really enjoyed this film and will definitely recommend it to my friends.