

Boys to Men?

The Necessity of Initiation and Mentorship for Teenage Boys

Using clips from *Hoop Dreams* and *Boys to Men?* film director/writer/producer/editor Frederick Marx argues the societal necessity to resurrect ritual initiation and mentoring of teenage boys. In this context, he discusses themes from his upcoming feature documentary *New American Heroes*, a year-long study of six 15-year-old boys from six different U.S. cities, different also across race, class, culture, and family structure, who undergo different ritual initiations.

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