



## Questions for Classroom Discussion

### **The Opening Number!**

- **What is the main goal of the “opening number” (i.e. the first five minutes) of Academy Awards Show?**
  - ⇒ Consider the need to introduce the purpose of the awards show and what the audience can expect, as well as set the “tone” for the show
  - ⇒ Consider the need to introduce the host who will be interacting with the audience throughout the show
  - ⇒ Consider the need to “grab the attention” of the audience and loosen up the crowd
  
- **What is the best way to “grab the attention” of an audience?**
  - ⇒ Consider different forms of entertainment, such as musical numbers, dance routines, and comedy acts
  - ⇒ Consider how the host may be able to interact with the audience, such as speaking about those in attendance or even walking into the audience
  - ⇒ Consider the impact of using lighting, sound, and other stage techniques to set the mood
  
- **What factors go into making the “opening number” successful, and how is success determined?**
  - ⇒ Consider the logistical factors, such as time constraints, limited space, and live performances
  - ⇒ Consider the main purpose of the opening number (i.e. to introduce the show and grab the attention of the audience), and how that is achieved
  - ⇒ Consider how the audience and millions of viewers watching the show on TV will decide whether or not the opening number was “successful”