



FAMILY FILM SCHOOL

Develop critical thinking With movies

The 1996 family movie *Fly Away Home* is based on the real-life saga of Canadian scientist Bill Lishman, who taught a gaggle of motherless geese how to fly south for the winter. One day, a mother used this movie to kick start a discussion.

Mom: So, everyone liked the film. Favourite part?

Lia (age 7): I like the part where the baby geese follow the girl around.

Cara (age 10): I like the part where they put the Air Force on alert!

Andrew (age 11): I liked Igor, the goose who couldn't fly, and the part where they run into the skyscrapers in the fog!

Mom: Everyone agrees. Geese are cute! Does everyone understand why the babies followed the girl?

Lia: They followed her because they presumed that the first person they saw was their mother.

Mom: Did you ever doubt they'd make it down south?

Cara: No. Main characters always make it.

Mom: Every goose seemed to make it, even the lame one.

Andrew: Not quite what happens in nature.

What To Do:

- ☆ Choose the movies your children watch with care;
- ☆ Watch any movie with them the first time;
- ☆ Choose movies based on children's books if possible and everyone read the book as well;
- ☆ Have the children compare the book to the movie and the movie to other movies;
- ☆ Have them write a movie review, record a "radio" review or pretend to interview a character in the movie.

