

BITTERSWEET

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Synopsis:

An anxious high schooler scrambles to get back the love note accidentally sent to the boy he has a crush on.

Run Time:

6:00

Suggested Grades:

All grades

The Takeaway/ Learning Objectives:

Crushes are something lots of people can relate to regardless of sexual orientation/attraction.

Content Flags:

N/A

Keywords:

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Pre-viewing Questions:

- How many of you have had a crush before? (*don't worry- you don't have to say on who*)
- What does it feel like when you have a crush? **Butterflies, giddy, shy, nervous, anxious, excited, etc.**

Post-Viewing Questions:

- Who thought it was going to not have a happy ending? Why/whynot?
- Have you ever seen a film with two boys in love? How did that story end?
 - **When we do see stories that show people of the same gender, oftentimes it surrounds being bullied or rejected for who you might be attracted to.**
- How do you think the main character, Jason, felt?
 - **Scared and worried that Armando might not want a candygram from him specifically or from a boy**
- Why is it important to see films like this?
 - **It's important that people who are gay don't feel like they are the only one**
 - **Films like this show positive stories of gay people, which can be hard to find**
 - **Showing that it is possible for people to be attracted to the same gender, and it doesn't have to be a big deal.**
- Was any part of it relatable to you?
 - **Feeling scared of people finding out about a crush**
 - **Being nervous to tell someone how we feel**
 - **Feeling conflicted about what to do when we have a crush**

Common Questions:

- How did he shoot the paper in the box?
Luck. Magic. Years of practice.