

FILM DISCUSSION GUIDE

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Moana is a courageous teenager who seeks to follow in the footsteps of her ancestors by navigating the dangerous Oceanic seas. Accompanied by a demi-god named Maui, she sets sail for a fabled island to help save her people. On their journey, the two encounter monsters and spirits which they must overcome, as Moana also searches for her own identity.



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## Talk about it before the film

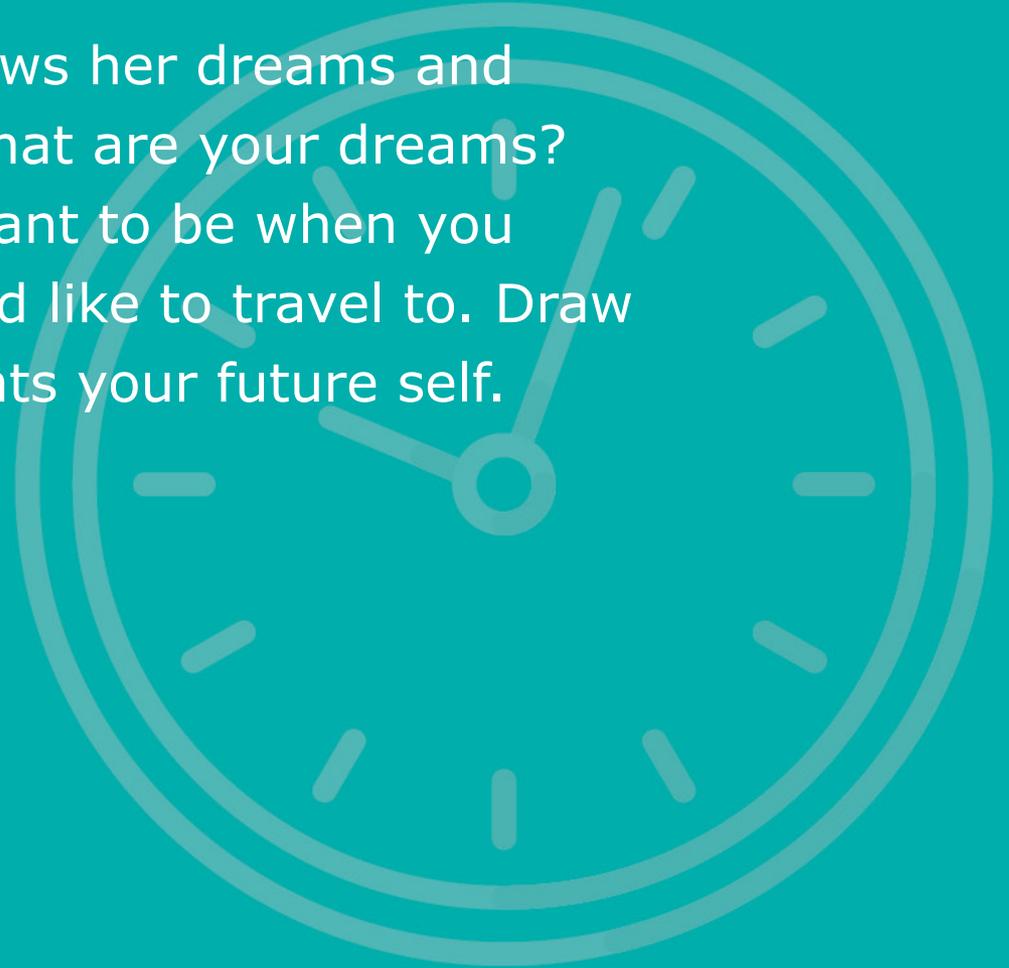
*Moana* is a film which features strong female characters. Which women do you look up to? These can be family members, friends, well-known figures or fictional characters. Explain why you admire them.

# Discussion points

1. What do you learn about the culture of Moana's people at the start of the film? What do their lives involve?
2. How would you describe the way the ocean behaves throughout the film? What sort of things does it do that you wouldn't expect? List all the ways you can remember.
3. What words would you use to describe the songs in the film? How did they make you feel? Did they help you to understand the story?

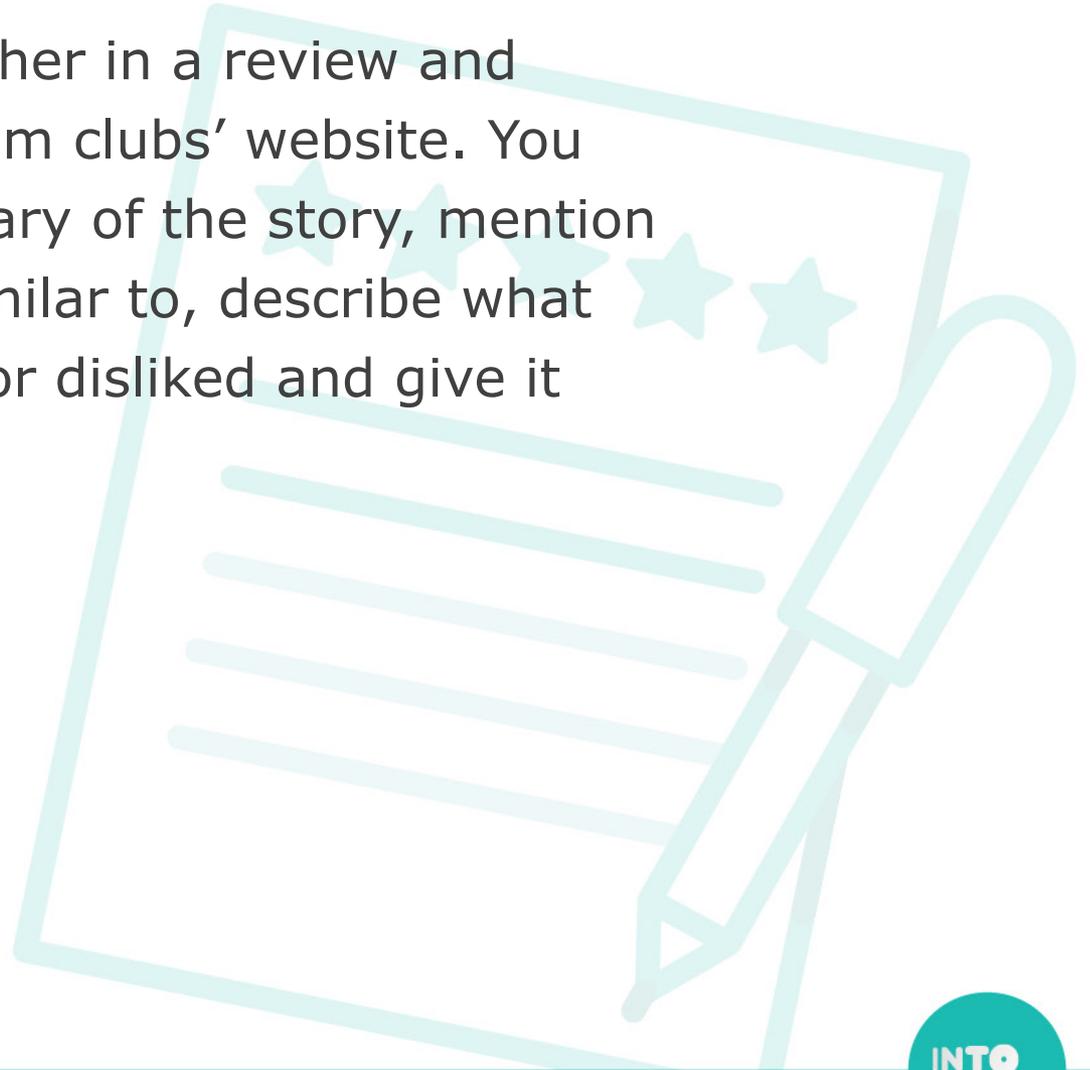
# Extension activities

Moana is a girl who follows her dreams and sails across the seas. What are your dreams? Think about what you want to be when you grow up and where you'd like to travel to. Draw a picture which represents your future self.



# Write about it

Bring your ideas together in a review and share it on our Into Film clubs' website. You could include a summary of the story, mention other films that it's similar to, describe what you particularly liked or disliked and give it your star rating.



# Watch next



## Lilo & Stitch

2002 | Cert. U | Engaging for ages 5+

Animation about a strange creature who escapes from the prison of his evil creator and travels to planet Earth, where he pretends to be a dog.



## Whale Rider

2002 | Cert. PG | Engaging for ages 7+

Tradition causes trouble in a family when a young Maori girl wants to take up what she believes is her rightful place at the head of her tribe.