

# Movie Memories -- Sampler Disc

This DVD contains nine segments from the first four volumes of Movie Memories. Show the film clips one at a time to a group, then pause over the four questions that come onscreen at the end of each segment.

The four questions will kick off remembering of the films themselves and also of the eras that both the films and the viewers came from. This Discussion Guide further helps the group leader draw out responses. The purpose of Movie Memories is not to just recall the movies and our pasts, but to share the memories with the rest of the group. **Watch. Recall. Share the Memories.**

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## Discussion Guide for Sampler DVD



### **"The Fifth Freedom"**

In this 1951 short film, Bob Hope, Arthur Godfrey, Perry Como and Bing Crosby tell us about the American Freedom of Choice, like the choice to smoke Chesterfield cigarettes! Guess who made the film?

Did anyone grow up in a town like the one in the film? Was your street or your home similar in any way?

Do you remember your first television set? Did you watch programs as a family? Did you watch Arthur Godfrey and Perry Como on TV?

Who is your favorite between Bob Hope and Bing Crosby?

Who were your favorite movie stars, or favorite TV shows in the 1950s?

### **"King of the Cowboys" Movie Trailer**

We just watched a coming attractions trailer for a 1943 Roy Rogers film. It's good to remember that our cowboy heroes helped fight the Nazis.

Did you like movie westerns? Do you have a favorite cowboy star? Would you like to see a Roy Rogers feature film? Did you watch Roy's television series in the 1950s with Dale Evans (Queen of the West), Pat Brady (Roy's comical sidekick), and Bullet the Wonder Dog? Don't forget Trigger!

### **Sing Along Cartoon: "Sing or Swim"**

Sing-Along cartoons with words on the screen and the "Bouncing Ball" were popular during the 1930s and 40s. Did you ever sing out loud to one of these in a crowded movie theater?

Did your family Sing Along with Mitch Miller on his television show?

Would the world be happier with more group singing today?

### **"Television Toy Ads"**

These TV ads from the 1950s are toys for kids. They might have been toys that you bought your children for Christmas. What kinds of toys did they ask for? Did they ever play space men or similar fantasies using toys of the day?

What was your favorite toy when you were a child? Did you like toys that had to be put together like Mr. Machine or Erector Sets or Lincoln Logs? Anyone have Tinkertoys?

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Mystery Date is a 1965 board game from the Milton Bradley Company that was marketed to girls 6 to 14 years of age. Which board games did you like as a child, or that you played with your children or that you still enjoy playing today?



### **"The Giant Claw"**

"The Giant Claw" is a 1957 science-fiction/horror movie with cheesy effects that were terrible, but were still quite fun in a drive-in theater. The monster was so bad that the movie poster did not even show his head, because no one would have come to see the film!

Here's an obvious question: Were you ever attacked by a giant 17 million-year-old monster while flying a jet plane?

Did you go to movies like "The Giant Claw" while growing up? Did you see any good monster movies like this one, except that actually scared you?

### **"The Story of Betsy Wetsy"**

Invented in 1934, the Betsy Wetsy doll that emits bodily fluids like a real baby gained enormous popularity in the 1950s. If this was shown on TV, it would be an early infomercial.

Did anyone else find those hundreds of doll heads on the creepy side? Can anyone explain to me why they would want a doll that wets her diaper?

Which dolls did you or your sisters or your children play with?

Does playing with dolls make little girls into better mothers when they grow up?

Did you have a doll house or an army fort or space station toy set?



### **"A Wonderful New World of Fords"**

This 1960 film unveils the all-new, all-wonderful line of Ford cars. Did you like the three models shown? Did you ever own or drive a Ford? Would you like to go for a drive now?

Was 1960 an all-new wonderful year for you?



### **Bing Crosby in "I Surrender Dear"**

We just watched the first half of Bing Crosby's very first starring film -- "I Surrender Dear" from 1931. This was a Mack Sennett comedy.

Let's just talk about Bing. Did you like him or love him? Did you listen to Bing on the radio or buy his records or see his movies? Which are your favorite Bing movies? How about his TV specials in the 1950s and 60s? Was Bing part of your Christmas? Who remembers Bing Crosby?

### **Betty White in "Life With Elizabeth"**

We just saw Betty White in her first TV series from 1953, "Life With Elizabeth." Anyone who does not love Betty is welcome to leave! Anyone who does love Betty may say anything they like!

Did Betty and her husband seem to be too normal? Which TV situation comedies were your favorites?

Do you ever get scared reading a mystery novel? Who makes a pot of coffee late at night and then forgets they started it?