

ECHO SCENE

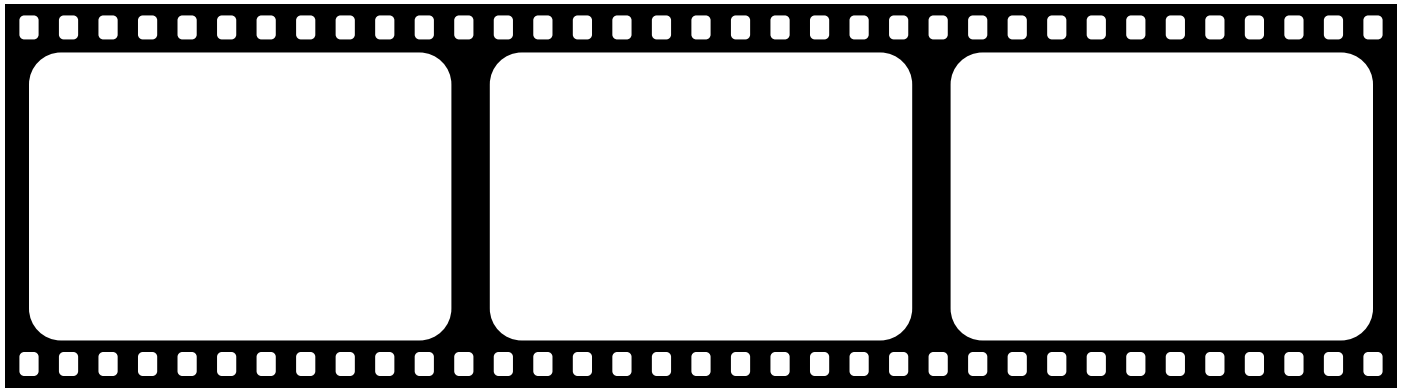
REIMAGINE, RESPOND, REFLECT

How to Use this Thinking Routine:

This activity asks students to explore how a short film reflects or reshapes society, and then create a scene, script, or moment that directly responds to it. This encourages deep analysis, empathy, and original expression.

Echo Scene: After watching the short film, choose a moment, theme, or question that stood out to you. Then create an “Echo Scene” - a short, original work that responds to the work by extending, countering, or mirroring it in some way. Choose from the following formats.

- **A Scene Rewrite or Sequel.**
 - Imagine one scene in the film played out differently. What changes?
 - Write a sequel scene that shows what might happen next for a character or situation.
 - Focus on how this change deepens or challenges the film’s message.
- **A Monologue from an Unheard Voice.**
 - Choose a silent, minor, or unseen character from the film - even symbolic ones.
 - Write a monologue from their perspective.
 - What truth do they need to speak? How do they feel about the world of the film?
- **A Poetic or Visual Interpretation.**
 - Write a poem, draw a storyboard, or make a visual collage that captures the film’s impact on you or society.
 - Incorporate lines, images, or themes from the film to show how it resonates.

A graphic of a film strip with three large rectangular frames for drawing or writing. The film strip has a black border with white sprocket holes along the top and bottom edges. The three frames are white and arranged horizontally.

Reflection Questions: In a short written reflection, respond to the following questions.

- What specific part of the film inspired your response?
- What social issue, truth, or question does your “Echo Scene” address or engage with?
- How does your creative piece reflect or reframe the message of the film?
- When the filmmaker sees your work, what would you want them to understand about how the film impacted you?

Optional Share: Create a “Short Film Showcase” where students present their Echo Scenes, scripts, or monologues, followed by a brief discussion or reflection circle.