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THE BALLAD OF LITTLE JOE

1993 C. SUSIE AMIS, BO HOPKINS 120 MIN. R

This is a well made account of a true story about a woman who passes as a man in order to carve out a life in the frontier west. In addition to the obvious role of women theme, this film can also provide an interesting overview of the 19th Century transition in western land use from mining to cattle and sheep herding to farming.

Traveling salesman picks up Josephine, moving west.

4:00

Josephine escapes from the salesman.

8:00

Josephine changes her appearance.

13:00

Josephine attempts to fit in as Little Joe while eating in the saloon.

17:00

Little Joe attempts mining.

20:00

Little Joe goes to work for Percy.

24:20

Carnival show arrives.

30:00

Percy attacks the prostitute. Extreme violence.

36:00

Little Joe takes up sheep herding and guides an immigrant family to their homestead.

45:30

Sheep herding.

52:00

Percy finds out Little Joe's

Seminar Questioning Sequence:

What was the life of the miner like in the American west? What was his philosophy of life? What opportunities did he have?

What was the life of the cowboy like? What was his philosophy of life? What opportunities did he have?

What effect did sheep herding have on the cattle industry?

What impact did homesteading have on the cattle industry?

What problems did Great Plains pioneer farmers have? What opportunities did the frontier present to the farmer?

Do you think that the frontier promoted equality and democracy? What evidence is there to support this?

Report topics should show the competing roles, expectations and lifestyles of miners, herders, and farmers.

**Placer mining
Virginia City
Nevada**

**Abadeen Angus
Cattle**

**Homestead Act
Deadwood Gulch
Comstock Lode**

**Nevada
Pike's Peak**

**Colorado
Transcontinental
railroad**

**Goodnight/Loving
Trail**

**Winters of 1885/6
and 1886/7**

**Kansas City
Kansas**

**Texas Longhorn
Cattle**

**White faced
Hereford Cattle**

**Chisolm Trail
Abeleen Kansas**

**Wichita Kansas
Dodge City**

Kansas

**Oklahoma land
rush**

**Barbed wire
Cheyenne**

<p>secret.</p> <p>57:00 5 years later Little Joe returns to the homesteaders.</p> <p>59:00 Little Joe quits sheep herding and buys a homestead.</p> <p>1:02:00 Little Joe saves the Chinese worker from violence.</p> <p>1:11:45 Little Joe tells the Chinese worker her real identity. Explicit sex.</p> <p>1:12:00 Impending feud between the Sheep herders and the cattlemen.</p> <p>1:25:50 Immigrant homesteaders killed by the cattlemen.</p> <p>1:41:00 Little Joe refuses to sell pout to the cattlemen.</p> <p>1:43:00 Little Joe shoots it out with the cattlemen.</p> <p>1:55:00 Little Joe dies and the town discovers her true identity.</p>		<p>Wyoming Dry farming Western trail Sedalia Trail Last Chance Gulch Montana Great Plains windmills</p>
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