WALLSTREET

1987 Michael Douglas, Charlie Sheen 124 Min. R

This film provides an interesting look at the widespread investment practices of the 1980's which lead to the S&L banking scandal as well as to the later and deeper crisis is in Asian markets which plagued the world economy in the late 1990's.

Fast pace of a N.Y. brokerage firm in the 1980's.

8:45

Bud Fox gets inside information about Blue Star Airlines.

12:00

Fox meets Gordon Gekko for the first time.

19:20

Gekko deals with Fox.

24:00

Explicit sex.

28:00

Gekko explains his business philosophy.

33:00

Fox agrees to help Gekko get inside information on corporate raider, Larry Wildman.

36:00

Gekko uses information obtained by Fox.

39:00

Anacott Steel buyout.

46:00

Wildman and Gekko discuss business ethics.

52:00

Fox gets deeper into the illegal investment schemes.

A technical understanding of the basic operation of financial and equity markets is important to achieving full value from this film. Consideration of the ethical issues inherent in free market Capitalism can create a stimulating seminar.

Seminar Questioning Sequence

Why are monopolies restricted by law in the American economic system?

How is this consistent with free market Capitalism?

Does management of a corporation have an ethical duty to make the most profit possible for its stock holders?

Is it wrong for corporate management to disregard the public interest in making decisions based on profit motives?

Is it ok to destroy a company to make money?

Why is insider trading illegal in the American economic system?

Why did the practice of corporate raiding become a threat to the stability of the American economic system.

What impact did it have on interest rates, investment capital and growth.

Stocks
Bonds
Money Markets
Equity Markets
Capitalism
Junk Bonds
Insider Trading
Corporate Raiding
Reaganomics
Budget Deficits
S&L Crisis

1:00:00 Fox makes it big and changes his lifestyle.	
1:07:00 Explicit sex.	
1:11:00 Gekko speaks on the power of greed.	
1:18:00 Move to take over Blue Star begins.	
1:27:00 Stock Watch begins its investigation; Gekko speaks about the free market.	
1:50:00 S.E.C. investigation leads to Fox's arrest.	
1:54:00 Fox helps investigators gather evidence on Gekko.	

Notes