

DUAL CITIZEN 2025

# DUAL CITIZEN

A FILM BY RACHELLE SALNAVE

**Learning Module for 6th–8th Grade**  
**Who Gets to Belong? Exploring Citizenship, Diaspora & Family Perspectives**





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# The Story

Dual Citizen is a different kind of patriotism film.

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## Logline

Dual Citizen follows the journey of one Father who will do just about anything to help his daughter gain dual citizenship in Haiti until he finds out that he himself has to become a Haitian citizen again.



# Story Synopsis

DUAL CITIZEN is a humorous documentary about one Father's unwavering wish to fulfill his daughter's dream of becoming a Haitian dual citizen despite his heavy pained feelings for Haiti. In this process film, filmmaker Rachelle Salnave goes on a journey with her father to capture their plight to gain their Haitian dual citizenship which puts a 2012 Haitian amendment to the test. The only challenge is her Father, Edouard, one staunch New York City Republican, has left his country behind over fifty years ago and wants nothing to do with Haiti. To grant his daughter's wish, he must become an official "Haitian Citizen" by obtaining a passport meeting face to face with the government that has gravely pained him due to his parents and sibling's political exile in the 1960s. This experimental film will intertwine the connection between family, love for both the United States and Haiti and intersecting it with the larger theme of what it means to be a Dual Citizen.



- Session 1: Introduction & Viewing (45–50 min)
- Objective: Introduce dual citizenship & film themes.
- Film Clips: Opening scenes of Dual Citizen
- Discussion Questions:
- What does it mean to have two homes?
- Why might someone want dual citizenship?

## Activity:

Students create a quick “Belonging Brainstorm Map.”

## Schedule ideas:

- Total time: 45–50 minutes
- Step 1 (10 min): Belonging Brainstorm
- Step 2 (10 min): Film Clip & Discussion
- Step 3 (15 min): Group Research Activity
- Step 4 (10 min): Reflection Writing & Sharing

"What does it mean to belong to more than one place, culture, or nation?"

Part of Session 2 :

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- Discussion Questions:
- What shapes identity?
- How do family traditions connect us to our roots?

Teacher Tip:

- Allow drawing for reluctant writers.
- Invite 2–3 volunteers to share responses.

Session 3: Film Clip Debate & Group Research (50 min)

- Objective: Understand generational differences & citizenship laws.
- Film Clips: Debate scenes with Rachelle and her father.

- Activity:
  - Group Research: How do different countries handle dual citizenship?
  - Create quick posters or share facts aloud.
- Discussion Prompt: "How do you respect family but have your own ideas?"



#### Session 4:

#### Reflection & Sharing (45 min)

- Objective: Connect learning to personal identity.
- Wrap-Up Discussion:
  - What does “belonging” mean to YOU after watching Dual Citizen?

#### Activity:

- Write a short reflection: “How do my family’s views influence how I see identity?”
- Optional: Share in a class circle.

# Reflections

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## Teacher Script:

- "We explored how family, identity, and citizenship connect.
- How does Rachelle's story reflect or differ from our own?"

- "Think about your own family or community. What is one tradition, story, or value that connects you to your identity, and how is it similar or different from what we saw in Rachelle's journey?"
- "Rachelle had to navigate belonging to two places—Haiti and the U.S. If you could choose, what are two places or communities where you feel you belong, and why?"

# Benefits of Module

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## Benefits of Module

- Connects Learning to Real Life:
- Helps students see how classroom topics like history, culture, and identity apply to their own lives and experiences.
- Fosters Global Perspectives:
- Encourages students to think beyond their local community and consider how migration, citizenship, and belonging are global issues.
- Encourages cultural awareness and empathy.
- Supports identity exploration through real-world film content.
- Builds critical thinking and respectful dialogue skills.

# THE MOTIVATION FOR DUAL CITIZEN

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The goal of this project is to show the strong connection that Haitians living outside of Haiti (the Haitian Diaspora) still have with their home country. It also tells a story that many kids can relate to: the love between a father and daughter. The film looks at what it really means to be “home” and questions the idea of the “American Dream,” helping us think about where we belong and how our family and culture shape who we are.

This story explores family challenges, pride in one’s country, and how moving to a new place can affect people and their families. It talks about immigration in a way that’s honest but also uses humor to make it easier to understand. In the end, the film hopes to inspire Haitians living around the world to stay connected to their roots, and it also encourages other Americans with two nationalities to be proud of both parts of who they are.

# MEET THE TEAM

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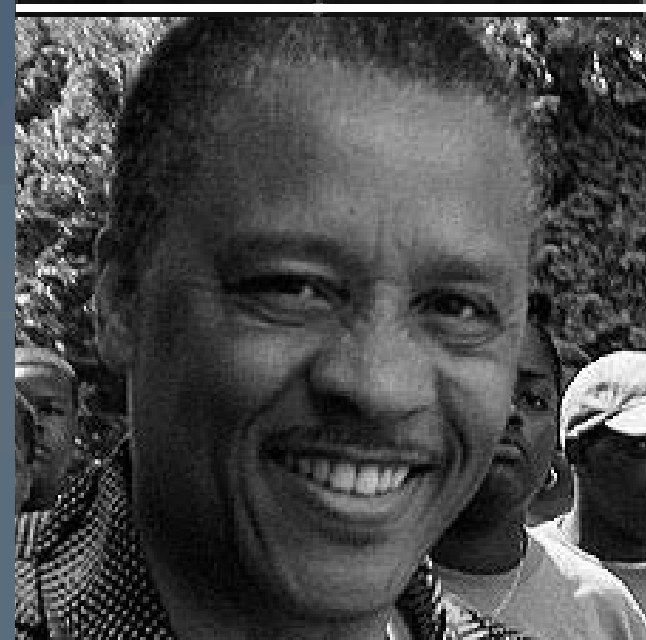
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