


## DISCOVERING THE DIRECTOR AND THE CONTEXT


### SIDNEY LUMET: A SOCIALLY-CONSCIOUS FILMMAKER

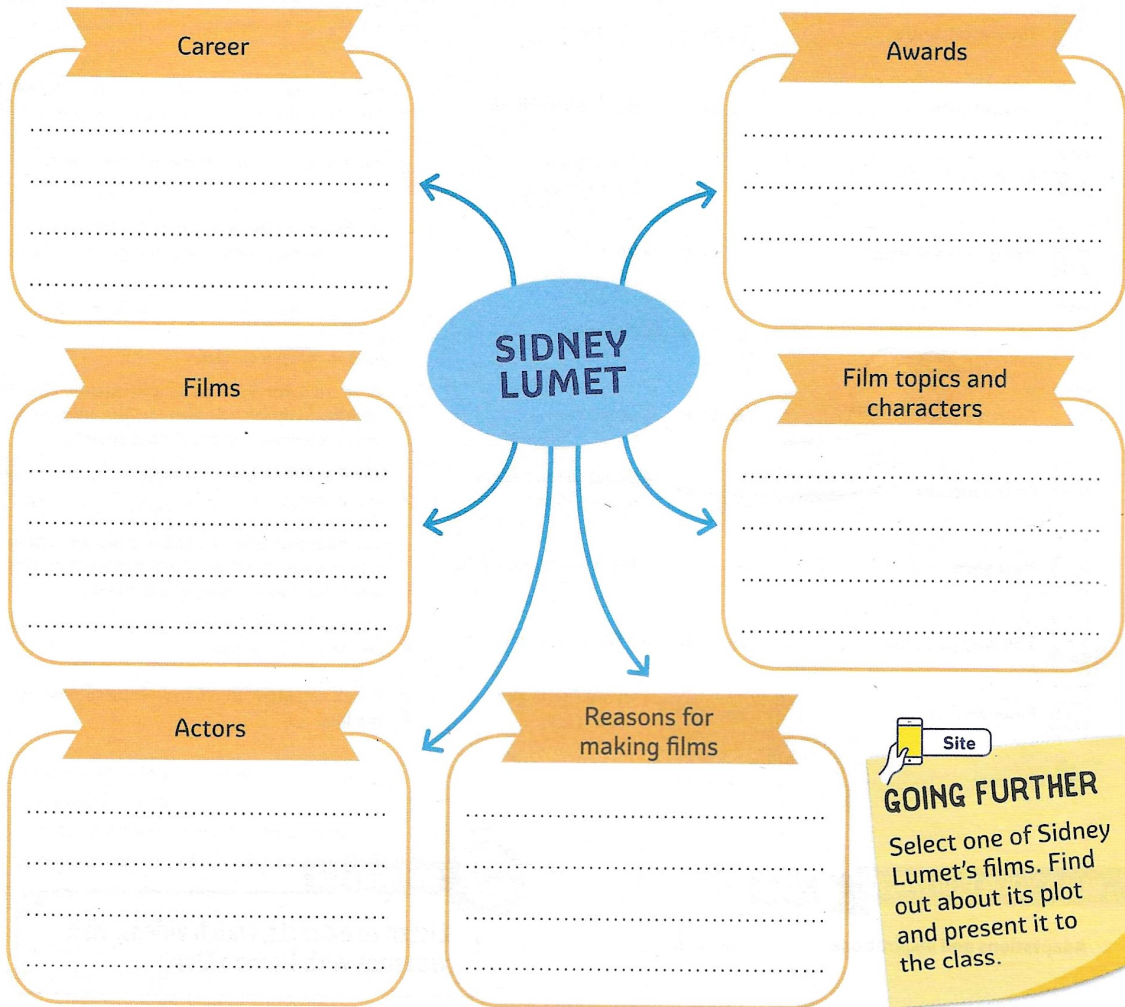



American filmmaker **Sidney Lumet** (1954-2011) worked in the entertainment industry throughout his life. Born in New York City, he performed on stage before playing in the film *One Third of a Nation* in 1939. After serving in the US army during WWII, he taught drama at the High School of Performing Arts in NYC. He then worked as a TV assistant director for CBS from 1950 to 1957 when he was asked both by scriptwriter Reginald Rose and famous actor Henry Fonda to direct a film adaptation of the CBS teleplay *Twelve Angry Men*. Sidney Lumet's concern with justice and progressive politics shows through each one of his other films which stage characters struggling with moral or emotional conflicts.

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