



Father's Day (2020)

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Getting started

You are going to watch a documentary short film about a young man called **Destyne Butler Jr.**

Read the news article below. Then speculate on what the film could be about.

Chicago Tribune

Teenager charged with Northbrook burglary



A Chicago man has been charged with breaking into a Northbrook home July 30. Destyne Butler, 18, of the 5200 block of South Indiana Street, was arrested Sept. 30 and charged with residential burglary, said a spokesman for the Northbrook Police Department.

Butler is held in the Cook County Jail on a \$250,000 bond, according to Northbrook police. His next scheduled court date is Oct. 22.

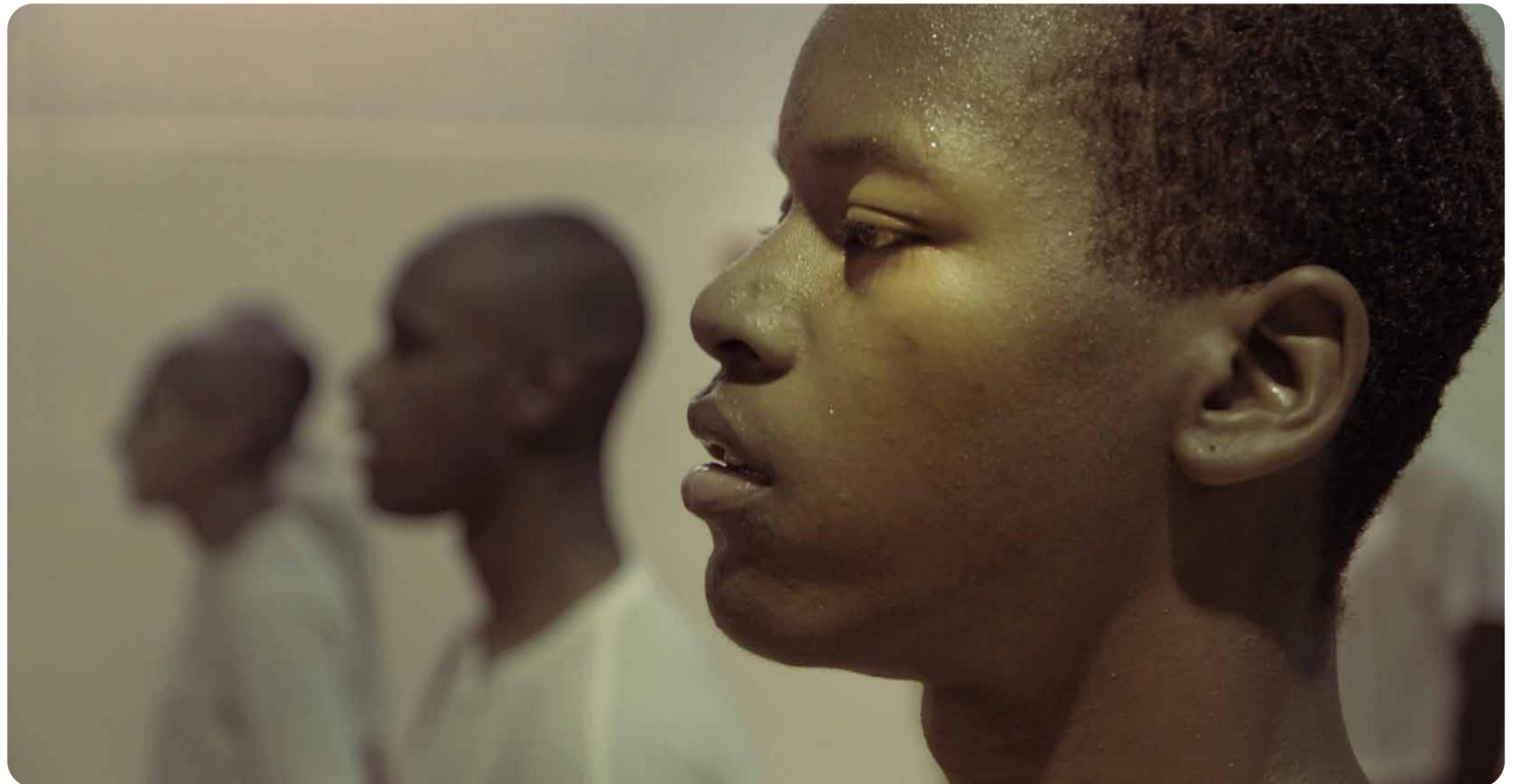
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Share your ideas!

Vocabulary

Task 1 on your worksheet.

Before watching the short film, match the phrases on the left to the translations on the right.



Let's check your answers!

infamous

I thought y'all would give up on me.

You are the real epitome of ...

You got us out of the hood.

That's every drug dealer's goal.

I wish you'd have always stayed on me.

I want to go pro.

recidivism rate

You found us a new home in a nicer neighbourhood.

known to be bad or dangerous

You are the perfect example of ...

I thought you would lose faith in me.

I want to become a professional.

quota of former prisoners who do sth. criminal again

That is what every drug dealer hopes to achieve.

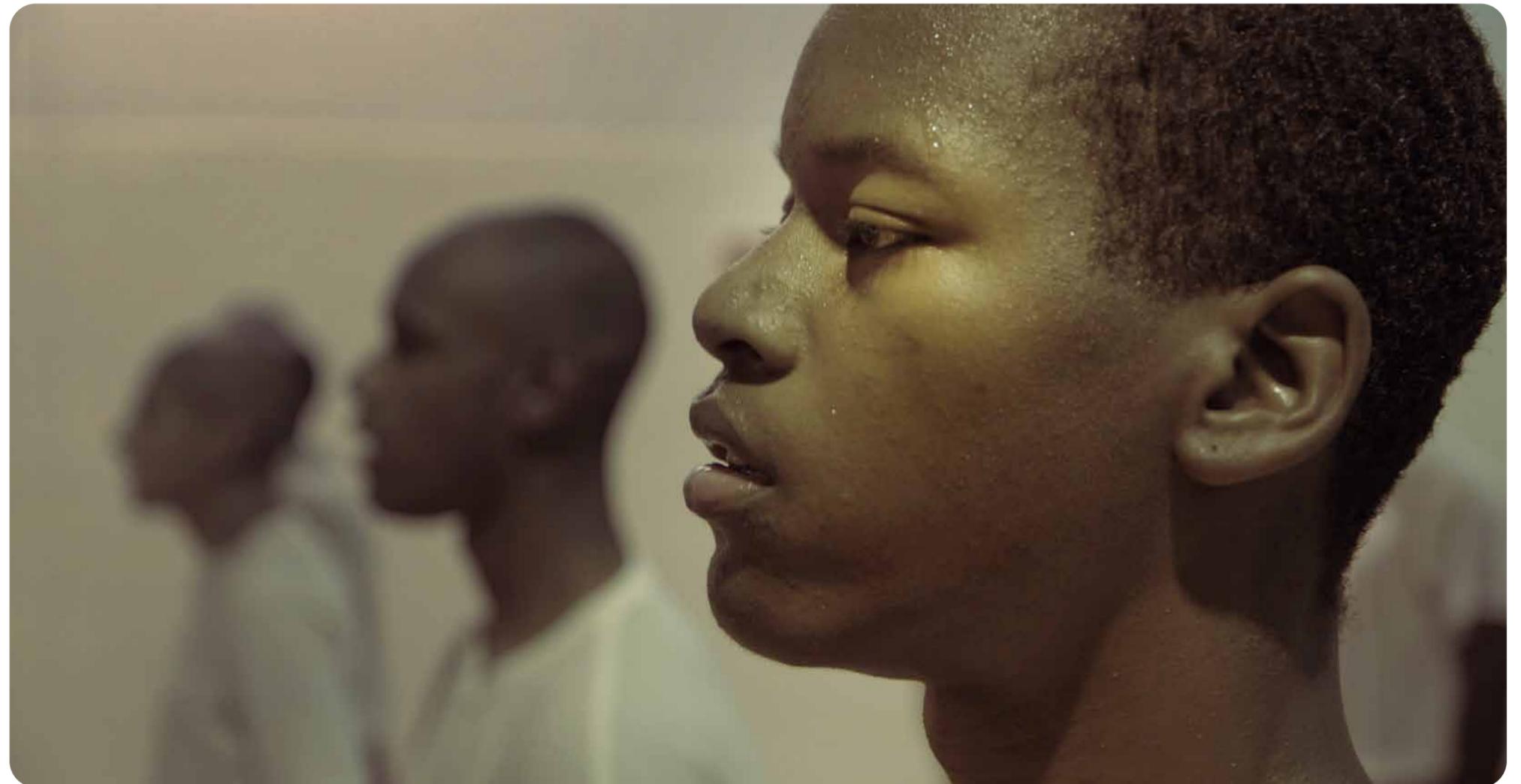
I wish you would have kept motivating me.

The beginning of *Father's Day*

Task 2 on your worksheet.

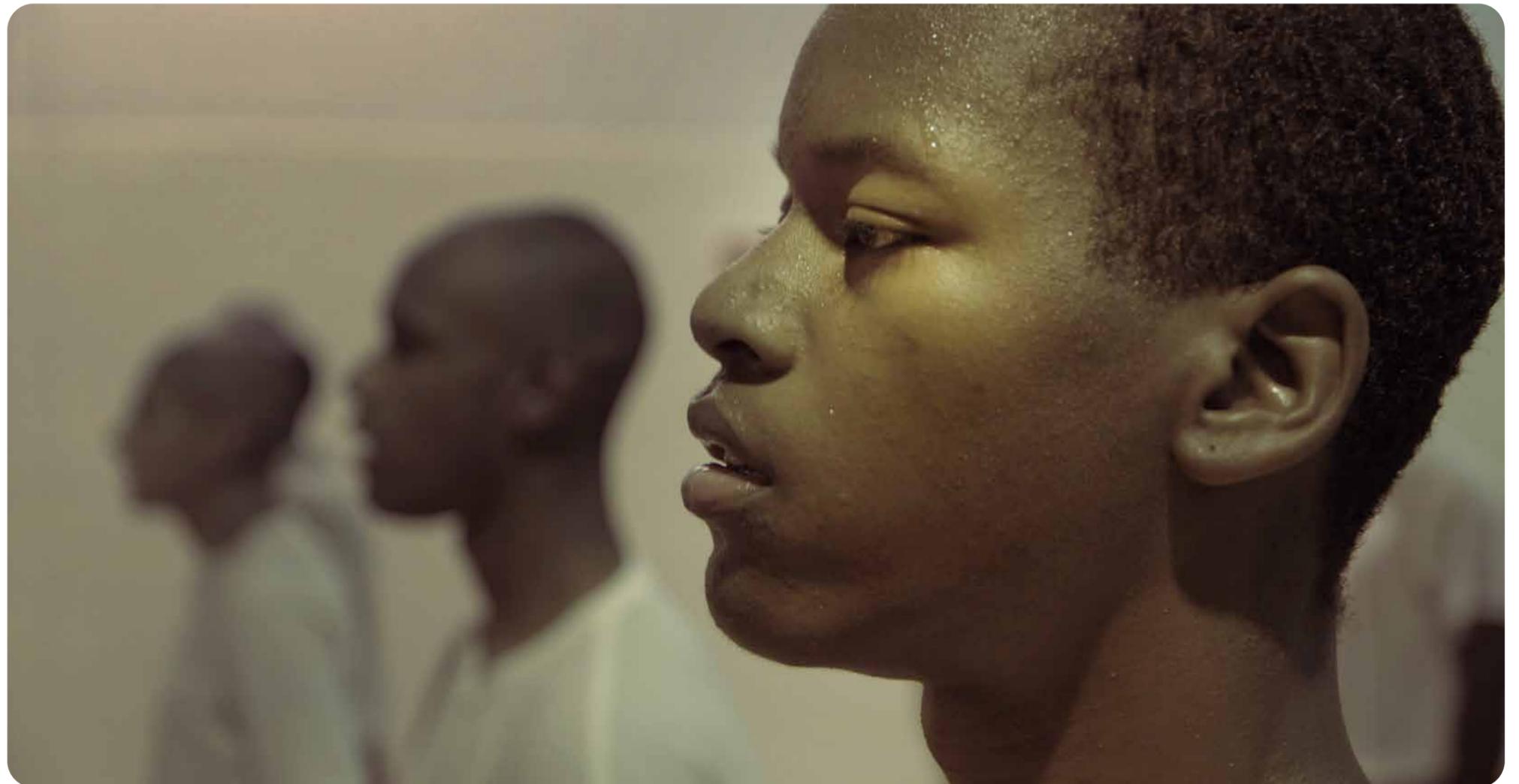
Watch the first 35 seconds of the film.

Describe how what you see and hear in the film makes you feel.



Watching *Father's Day*

Now watch the film in one go.

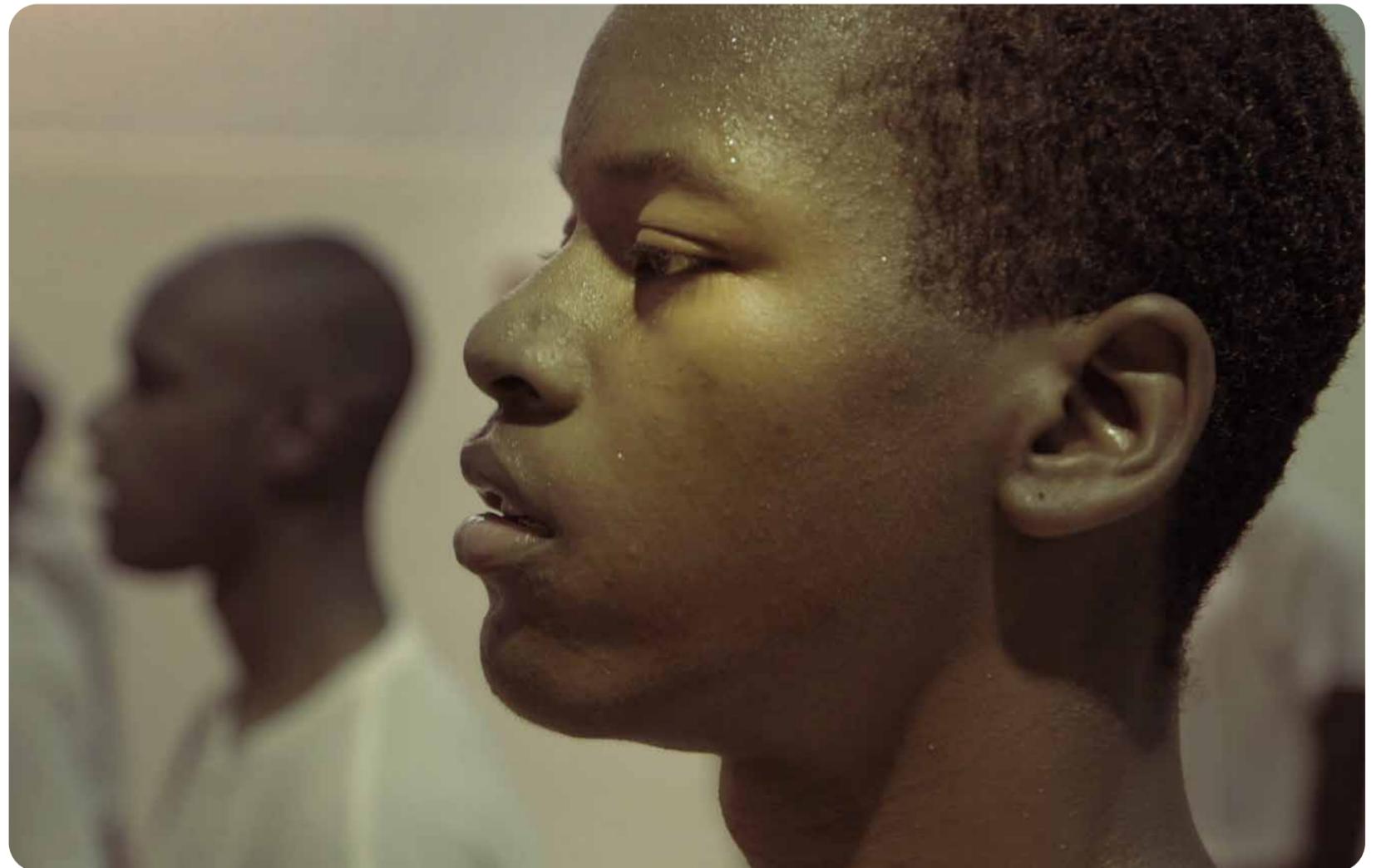


After watching *Father's Day*

In groups of three or four, talk about your immediate reactions to the short film.

What struck you while viewing?

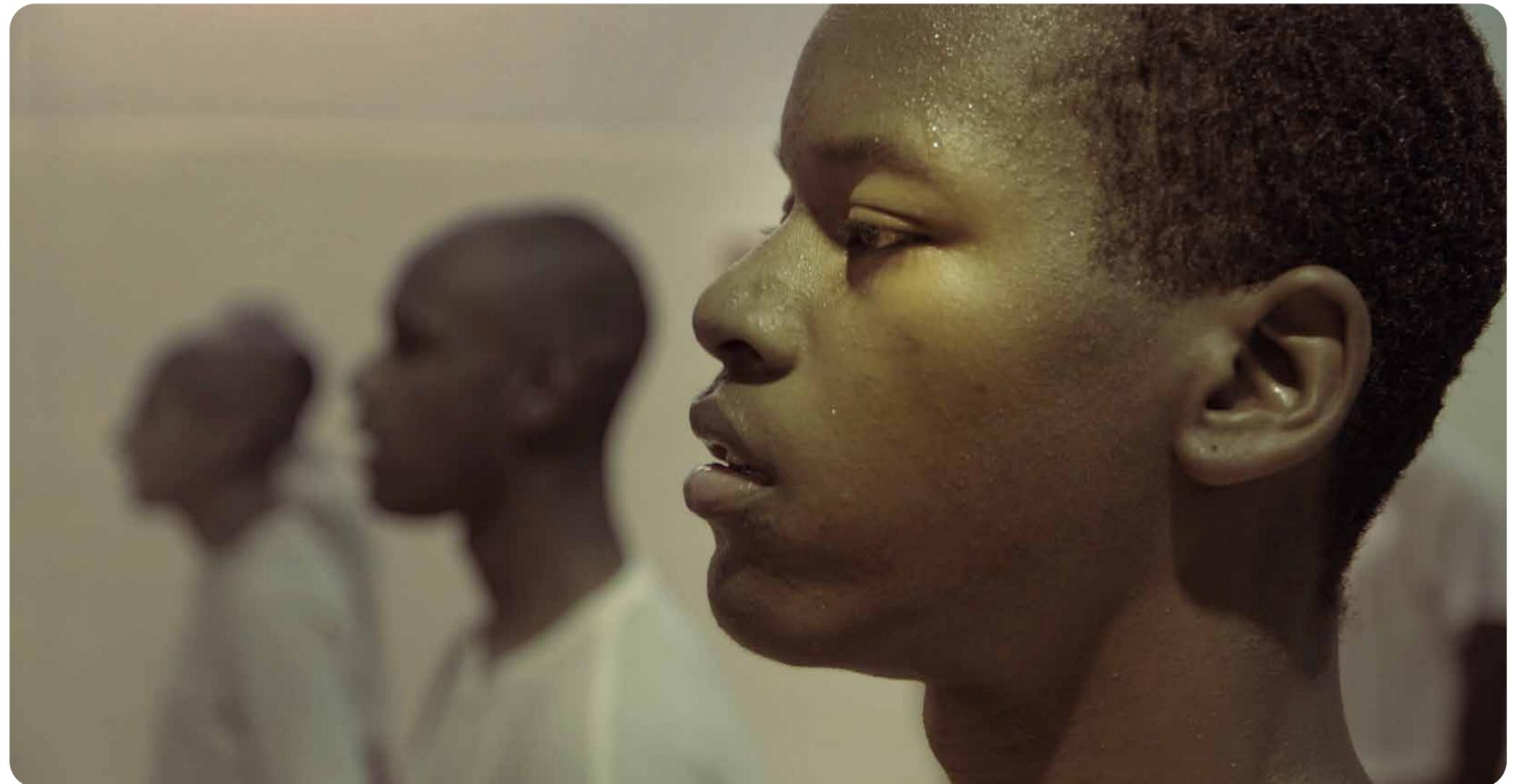
In what ways does the film differ from other films you have watched?



Share some of your ideas in class.

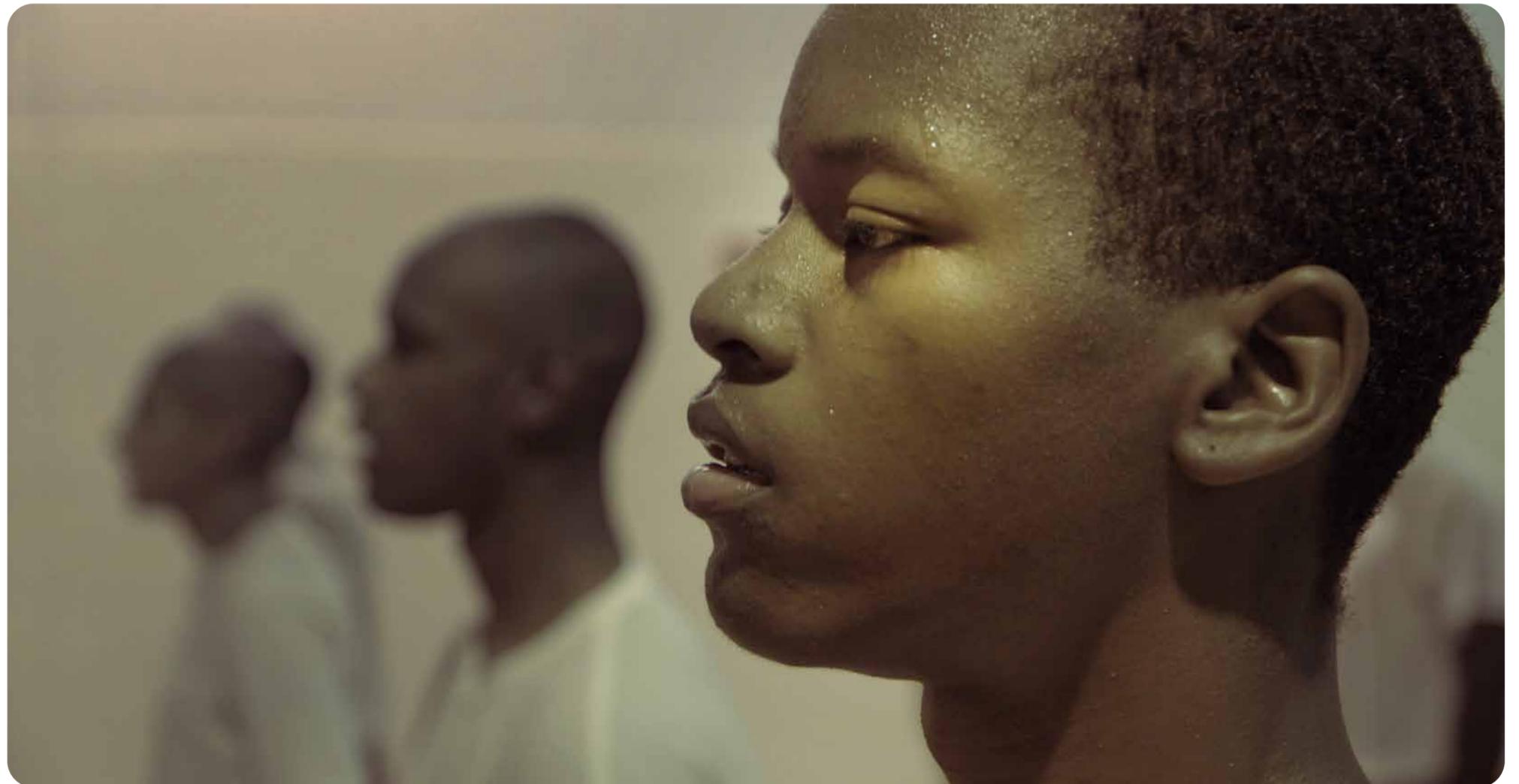
A closer look at Destyne Butler Jr.

Before watching the film for a second time, familiarise yourself with task 3 on your worksheet.



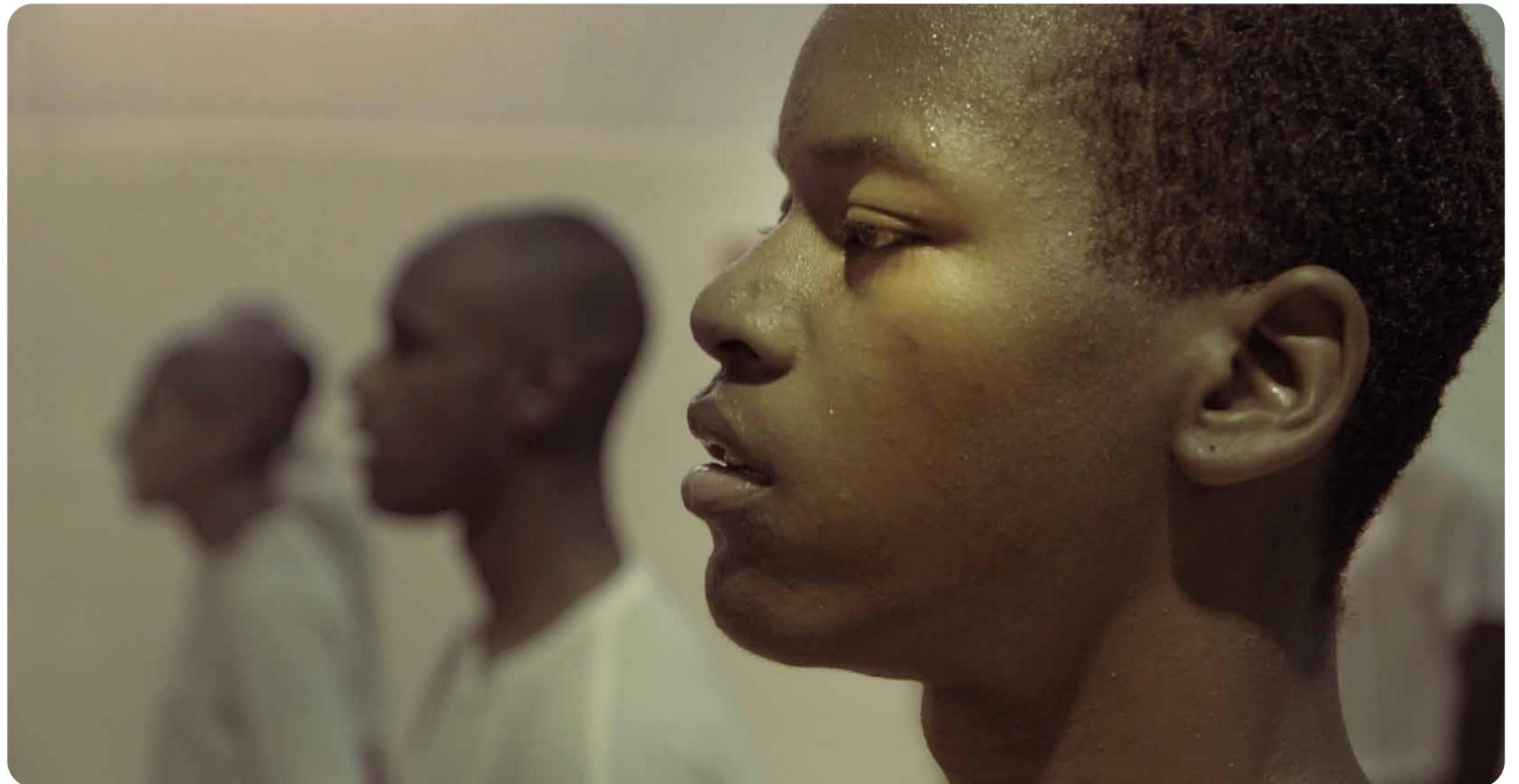
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What is the purpose of Destyne's 'letter' to his father?



Looking into Destyne's future

After four months, Destyne is released from prison.
Think about how his future after prison life might look like.
Then choose task **4a** or **4b** on your worksheet.



**Let's hear some of your conversations
and letters.**

Looking into Destyne's future

Based on your own assumptions and the statistics at the end of the film, do you personally believe that Destyne can successfully reintegrate into society?

In the United States one out of nine African-Americans between the ages of 20 and 34 are in prison.

The recidivism rate for those released from prison is roughly 50% within the first year.

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Sources:

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- [instagram.com/desto.29/](https://www.instagram.com/desto.29/)



The filmmakers' perspective

Why do you think the filmmakers of *Father's Day* did not include Destyne's return to his family and his successes in the film?