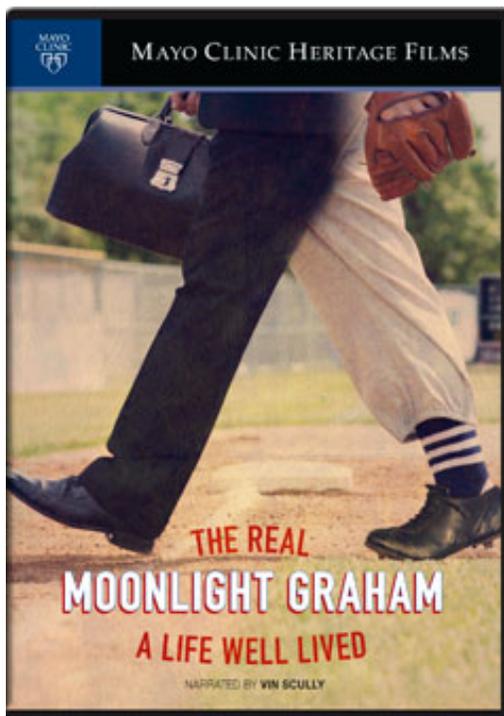




Mayo Clinic Heritage Films Discussion Guide

The Real Moonlight Graham: A Life Well Lived



The movie *Field of Dreams* introduced people around the world to a fascinating character called Moonlight Graham—an unassuming small-town doctor who, as a professional baseball player, appeared in only one game and never had the opportunity to bat. *Field of Dreams* was fiction, but Moonlight Graham was a real person: Archibald Graham, M.D. Following his baseball career, Archie spent his life as a beloved doctor in Chisholm, Minnesota. In collaboration with his friends and colleagues at Mayo Clinic, he also made a lasting contribution to medical knowledge. Known for his compassion, kindness and skill, Doc Graham exemplified the standards of his profession. This documentary introduces the real Moonlight Graham—“the friendliest man in town.”

Discussion Questions

1. Why does the character of Moonlight Graham capture people's imagination?
2. Why do you think Dr. Graham decided to stay in Chisholm after he had regained his health?
3. Why do you think Dr. Graham chose to be a public health officer and school physician rather than opening a conventional medical practice?
4. What is a physician's responsibility to his or her community? How did Doc Graham express that commitment?
5. What do you think motivated Dr. Graham to undertake a significant research project without the resources to analyze the data and publish the results? Describe his collaboration with Mayo Clinic.
6. What do you consider Dr. Graham's most significant accomplishment?
7. Describe a health care provider or another professional outside of your family who made a difference in your life. What qualities or actions by this person helped or inspired you?