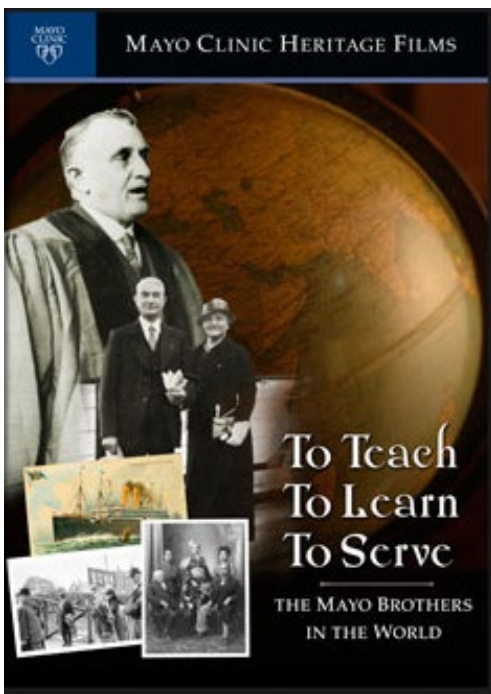




## Mayo Clinic Heritage Films Discussion Guide

### To Teach, to Learn, to Serve: The Mayo Brothers in the World



The Mayo brothers inherited their father's love for exploring new lands, as well as his life-long quest for knowledge. Throughout their long careers, they made annual trips abroad to seek out the latest improvements in the practice of medicine.

The Doctors Mayo visited hospitals and clinics in Europe, Asia, South America and the Antipodes, learning, teaching, and making many friends in every country. In turn, they hosted surgeons who traveled across the ocean to learn from them.

This documentary film looks at the origins of Mayo Clinic's long tradition of sharing knowledge freely and bringing hope and healing to patients around the world.

### Discussion Questions

1. In the early 20th century, why do you think Europe led America in medical innovations? How did America catch up?
2. Have you ever traveled abroad to learn from others or shared what you know with professionals from other countries? What insights did you gain from that experience?
3. How do cultural differences affect the practice of medicine?

4. Do you think Dr. Charles Mayo's goal of a "final, cosmopolitan system of medicine which will combine the best elements to be found in all countries" has been achieved? If not, what do you think could best promote it?
5. Many businesses closely guard their "trade secrets." Do you think medical centers have a responsibility to share their knowledge and best practices with the profession?
6. Mayo Clinic is a teaching institution. How do you feel when you encounter students on your care team?
7. Patients come from all over the world to Mayo Clinic. What do you think it would feel like to receive care in an unfamiliar culture where you don't speak the language? What do you think can make people feel more comfortable in that situation?